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# History and Antiquities

OF THE

NAME AND FAMILY

OF

# KILBOURN,

(IN ITS VARIED ORTHOGRAPHY.)

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"He who is not proud of his ancestors, either shows that he has no ancestors to be proud of, or else that he is a degenerate son."—*Grosvenor.*

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# INTRODUCTION.

The subjects of Genealogy and Personal History seem to have been little cared for by our progenitors in this country. Aside from the attention which each family paid to recording Births, Marriages and Deaths on the records of the several towns, scarcely any trace remains to guide the New England Genealogist in his researches, from the era of the "Mayflower" down to a comparatively recent period. Indeed, our fathers had many reasons for their remissness in this respect. They were too forgetful of self—too intent in providing the comforts and conveniences of a Home for their families and successors—to think seriously of matters that did not immediately pertain to the practical business and duties of life. But the times have changed, and men have changed with them. Here, at least, in the land of the Pilgrims, the toils of Pioneering and the storms of Revolution are over. We are all the heirs of a rich inheritance of Liberty and Peace; and in these latter years, the people of New England, "sitting beneath their own vine and fig-tree" in the calm enjoyment of innumerable blessings, are beginning to make the earnest inquiry—To whom, under God, are we indebted for all these? Who laid the foundations upon which we are building? Our fathers—who were they, and whence did they come?

A few words relative to the origin and progress of the work which is now given to the public, will not be deemed out of place here. In the summer of 1840, while a resident of the city of Wilmington, Delaware, I almost accidentally became engaged in correspondence with the late Hon. James Kilbourne, of Worthington, Ohio. I found that gentleman much interested in the history of

his family; and, as we bore the same name and were natives of the same State, we naturally enough concluded that we might claim a common ancestor at some indefinite point in the Past. Mutual inquiries awakened a mutual desire to know more of our ancestry; but, as the lot of both of us was cast remote from our native State, where alone investigations could be prosecuted with any hope of success, the matter was for a while suffered to rest. On a subsequent visit to Litchfield, I incidentally mentioned the subject to my friend, Mr. James Kilbourn, of that town, (now pastor of the Congregational Church in Middle Haddam, Conn.,) and was agreeably surprised to find it a topic of special interest to him. Together we visited the Town Clerk's office, and endeavored to trace our own relationship. At this time there were three or four distinct branches of the Kilbourn family residing in Litchfield, who had no definite knowledge of the connexion subsisting between each other. The results of my frequent inquiries of aged people, were entirely unsatisfactory. The lapse of an hundred and twenty-five years, since the settlement of the town, had served to efface from the minds of the living almost every trace of a reliable tradition on the subject.

In the autumn of 1842, having once more become a resident of my native State, these investigations were renewed, and were prosecuted with some degree of zeal whenever leisure and opportunities presented themselves. The materials thus gathered, were embodied in a thin octavo volume (of 150 pages,) entitled, "*The Family Memorial*," which was published in 1847. From that time to the present, by means of frequent correspondence and by occasional examinations of public and private records, the mass of facts and dates relating to the name and family, has been gradually accumulating upon my hands. These materials have been classified and arranged with much care and labor, and are now presented to the public in their present form. The author does not flatter himself that his work is either *complete* or *perfect*. No one, who has not undertaken a similar task, can fully appreciate the difficulties to be encountered by a Genealogist. While I heartily acknowledge the courtesy and co-operation of many of my name and lineage, and many ardent and disinterested friends of the *cause* who claim no affinity to our clan, in common with my predecessors in this department of effort,

I am compelled to express my regret at the absolute indifference manifested by *others*. In some instances, my repeated letters of inquiry have failed to elicit any reply at all; or, where a response has been received, it has not unfrequently been so meagre in *facts* and *dates* as to be of little use. In these circumstances, I have often felt myself constrained to write again and again, until the requisite information has generally been obtained from *some* source. Whatever the friends referred to may think of the utility of a family history, I doubt not they will all be ready to give me credit for a due degree of *perseverance* in the prosecution of my investigations.

The *plan* adopted in this work differs materially from that of any similar volume which has come under my observation, and seems to me preferable because more *simple*, *convenient* and *comprehensive*. Casual and even critical readers of genealogical works are often greatly perplexed in their attempts to follow any given line of pedigree, because the plan pursued by the author is so blind or complicated as not to be readily comprehended. This difficulty I have endeavored as far as possible to obviate. A word of explanation will suffice. It will be observed that *each generation* is printed by itself, and distinctly marked at the top of the page; and that the name of each individual member of each generation is printed in capitals, and numbered consecutively, as nearly as possible in the order of birth. Thus, THOMAS KILBORNE, the Emigrant, belongs to "Generation I"; of course, his *children*, Margaret, Thomas, George, &c., belong to "Generation II." To find the children of JOSEPH—No. 8, of Gen. III, (p. 61,)—turn to Gen. IV, (p. 72,) where the same name and number will be found in the centre of the line, thus— "8. JOSEPH."

To find a record of the family of his eldest son, Capt. Joseph, (a sketch of whom commences with number 28 on page 73,) turn to Gen. 5, p. 101, where his name and number are given in the centre of the line. For the family of Elisha, (eldest son of Capt. Joseph,) see p. 165, &c. The genealogy may be traced *backwards* in the same manner—simply referring from the name and number in the *centre* of the line, in one generation, to the corresponding name and number *commencing* the line, in the generation preceding. The families of the females are in no instance carried forward into the succeeding generation; but their descendants, if noted at all, are referred to im-

mediately after the mention of their own names, and are sometimes sketched at considerable length in *finer type*, as in the case of the family of Mary Kilbourn, wife of John Root, on pages 42 and 43; and again on pages 13–15, where the descendants of Mary Kilborn, wife of Nathaniel Woodruff, are given.

As a mere *list of names* is peculiarly dry and uninteresting, I have aimed to give as much of the *personal history* of each member of the family as possible; hence, whenever any incident or fact of this nature, however unimportant in itself, has come to my knowledge, I have generally made use of it. This would of course be deemed unadvisable in a book designed for *general reading;* but in a record intended mainly for the use of a single family, no one can object to the plan thus adopted.

Of that family who, two hundred and twenty years ago, planted the name of Kilbourn in the then remote and desolate wilderness of America, only *one* lived to welcome the advent of the Eighteenth Century.* The sorrows which they felt, the privations which they endured, and the perils which they encountered, are unrecorded by the pen of the historian and unheralded by the tongue of tradition. One by one, they withdrew from the scene of conflict and trial, to join the solemn procession of generations.

> "Their Winter past, fair Spring at last
> Received them on her flowery shore;
> Where Pleasure's rose immortal blooms,
> And sin and sorrow are no more."

We are reaping the harvests which were sown with a liberal hand by our predecessors. Is it not a duty as well as a privilege to revere their memory and to cherish their virtues? No intelligent man would dare call in question the importance of a *national* or even a *State* History; and, as society advances and intelligence increases, may we not reasonably expect that public sentiment will demand not only that every county and every town, but every *family name*, shall have its historian? P. K. K.

LITCHFIELD, CONN., U. S. A., May, 1856.

* John Kilborne, who came with the family from England, died in 1703.

# PEDIGREE.

[NOTE FROM SIR CHARLES GEORGE YOUNG.]

MR. KILBOURNE—Sir: Agreeable to your request I transmit to you copies of the only entries I find bearing upon your questions. I cannot give any reason for the bearing, or the particular occasion of the grant to the Kentish family. The date of the confirmation of the Arms with a difference for the Lincolnshire family was 1708. I am, Sir, your ob't servant,

*College of Arms*, London,
18 July, 1845.

CHAS. GEO. YOUNG,
*Garter.*

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*Recorded in the Visitation of the County of Kent*, 1663, *and remaining in the College of Arms, London*, 1845.
CHAS. GEO. YOUNG, *Garter.*

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JOHN KILBORNE, of Saf==*Joane*, dau. & heire fron Walden in Com. Essex. | of John Jackson.

*Isaac Kilborne*, of London. = *Mary* dau. of Thomas Clarke.

*Sarah* dau. of Jas. Short= 2 wife, S. P.

*Richard Kilburne*, of Hawkeherst in Com. Kent, A. D. 1663. = *Elizabeth* dau. of Will Davy of Beckley in Com. Sussex, 1 wife.

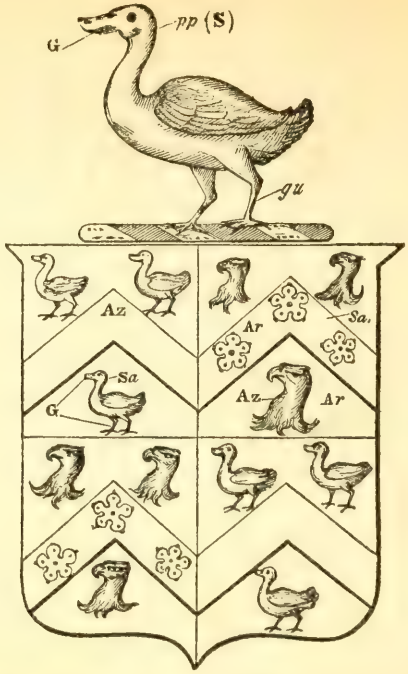
*Isaac* m. Marg't dau. & coh. of Step'n Lambe had dau. Elizabeth.

*William* sonne and heire. = *Elizabeth* da. of H. Bettenham.

*Richard.*

*Richard* *Thomas* *Anne.*

*Elizabeth* m. Wm. Levet of Sussex, son Charles.



# PEDIGREE.

*From the Earl Marshall's Register, marked* 1.27, *in the College of Arms, London.*
(With additions and corrections.)

Guy Kilborne = Ann Coventry.
m. A. D. 1579

William Kilburne, of Louth, Co., Lincoln. Died there in 1666, Æ. 86. = Sarah, dau'r. of Edward Wardall, of Alfred Co. Lincoln, m. July 31, 1628. (2d wife ?)

1. William Kilburne or Kilborne, Louth, d. 1703, æ 69. = Elizabeth, dau'r. of William Fox, of Immingham.
2. John Kilborne, alias Kilburne of Louth.
3. Abraham. Churchwarden, 1670.
4. *Joseph.* Ch. ward'n at Louth, A. D. 1674, &c.
5. *Elizabeth.*

1. Rev. William Kilborne, son and heir, b. at Louth, 1661, M. A. of Magdalen Col., Cambridge, 1686; Rector Saffron Walden, Co. of Essex. He d. Apl. 23, 1743, Æ. 82. = Susanna, dau. of Robert Raymond, of Littlebury, Essex Co. Married 30th June, 1685. She d. May 18, 1747, Æ. 88.
2. John, died unmarried.
- Elizabeth.
- Frances
- Sarah.
- Jane.
- Catherine.

*Elizabeth*, born Nov. 5, 1687. m. Rev. Edmund Mapletoft, Rector of Burton, Eng.

*Henry*, born May 17, 1691. living in 1708.

*Mary*, born May 18, 1696. m. Rev. A. Stephenson, A. M., Rector of Foulmire, Eng.

Rev. *Robert*, LL.D., born May 9, 1701 d. Nov. 12, 1730. = *Anna Aston*, of Brantford, Middlesex, Eng.

Wm. Kilborn, Esq., d. without issue, Mch. 30, 1769, Æ. 40. = Ann Revel, d. May 23, 1771

Anna.

# PEDIGREE.

**JOHN KILBURNE, of Kilburne in Yorkshire, 1426.**

**JOHN K., of Bramcote in Nottinghamshire, 1456.**

**JOHN K., of Girton in Cambridgeshire, 1486.**

**JOHN K., of Saffron Walden in Essex, 1516.**

Thomas Kilbourn Bailiff of the Corporation of Huntingdon.

Isaac Kilbourn of London. — Mary d. of Tho. Clarke of Saffron Walden.

John eldest son. No issue.

Sarah

Mary

Anne Elizabeth Joan.

Thos. K. of Huntingdon. — Anne d. of Rch'd Angel of Huntingdonshire.

Rch'd. K. of Staple Inn & of Hawkhurst — Elizab'h d. of Wm. Dave of Beckley, in Sussex.

Isaac. Sarah, John, Joan, all d. without issue.

Elizabeth. m. Edm'd Mork, of Strafford Langton, Co. Essex.

Wm. K., of Gay's Inn d. Mar. 24, & was bur Mar. 27, 1649, in Temple Chr'h. — Mary 1st w. d. of ——Bagshaw. —Cather'e 2 w. d. of Wm. Hoskins. —Sarah 3 w. d. of R. Beaumont.

Arthur.

Elizabeth. no issue.

William. Isaac. Thomas. John.

Wm. Kilburne—Damaris, 2d d. of Richard Beaumont.

William, m. Eliza'th Bettenham.

Isaac.

Thos.

Rich'd. Mary. John, d. young.

Charles.

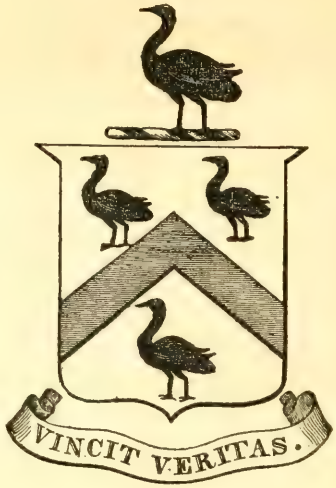
Anne. m. Tho. Brewer.

Elizab'h. m. Wm. Levet.

John. — Jane, m. (1st) John Carney, Esq., (2d) John Shrimpton, Esq.

Philip. — Rev. John Davis, D. D. — Sir John Brewer Davis, Kt.

Mary, m. Mr. Davis.




"*This Pedigree being authentically proved, is entered in the Visitation of London, A. D.* 1634, [*with additions.*]
HON. ST. GEORGE RICHMOND."

# The Name and Family in England.

THE origin and history of *families*, and of *family names*, has become an interesting study among antiquarians. Few English families are able to trace their pedigree beyond the time of William the Conqueror, in the eleventh century; and, comparatively few have any authentic records of their lineage extending more than two or three hundred years into the past. The spirit of research, which has recently been awakened in the minds of many diligent and persevering students both in Europe and America, is doing very much to obviate the remissness in this respect, of the generations that have passed from the stage. These modern investigations have clearly established the fact that many conspicuous names in Great Britain and the United States had their origin at a date long subsequent to the Conquest.

There is abundant evidence that the family name of *Kilburn* or *Kilbourn*, is derived from the Town of Kilburn, in the north riding of Yorkshire, England. On this point the Pedigree "entered in the Visitation of London, A. D., 1634," (inserted in this volume,) would of itself be deemed reliable proof. But there are other facts and authorities which, taken together, leave us no room to doubt. Hasted, in his History of the County of Kent, England, remarks:—"It is a *matter of history* that the Kilburnes were originally of Kilburne in Yorkshire, whence they went into Cambridgeshire and Essex." Brayley, in his magnificent work entitled "The Beauties of England and Wales," (vol. viii, p. 1203,) says—"The family took the surname from Kilburne, in Yorkshire, where they were originally seated." This word "*seated*," has a peculiar significance with English historians. It does not mean simply that the family lived in the place designated, but that they enjoyed an hereditary seat or estate there. The fact that the first individuals in point of time, whom we find bearing the name, were residents of Yorkshire, might also be introduced as confirmatory evidence, if such evidence were needed, to establish the position I have assumed.

In my recent visit to England, it was with feelings of peculiar interest that, in company with my traveling friend and kinsman, I made the town of Kilburn my first point of destination on leaving Liverpool. The village may with propriety be said to have *two centres*—the principal one, called *Low Kilburn*, being located in a beautiful valley, and containing about forty dwellings, besides two public houses, a school-house and a church. *High Kilburn*, stands on an elevation about half a mile distant, and contains some fifteen or twenty dwellings. The direct communication between these two departments of the village, is by a broad Macadamized *foot-path*, which winds up through a luxuriant meadow, and is bordered on each side, for much of the way, by rows of hawthorn hedges. Along the side of the principal street, through the entire length of the village of Low Kilburn, runs a never failing rivulet—from which, I was assured, *the place derives its name*, thus confirming the definition given by Professor Gibbs and others.

The township and parish embrace a rich farming country, which is most agreeably diversified by hills and valleys, fields and forests. A spur of the "Hamilton Hills" terminates in a bold bluff some two miles north of the village; and on the top of a neighboring hill were pointed out to us the tall rock-altars where the Druids were wont to worship and offer their sacrifices.

The town of Kilburn is mentioned in the *Domesday Survey*, about the year 1070, at which date some of its lands were under cultivation. Mr. Gill, the author of a valuable work relating to the Valley of York, says, —"The earliest accounts respecting Kilburn subsequent to the Domesday Record, is, that it was a royal hunting-park in the time of William Rufus and King Henry I." A beautiful and extensive plain, commencing about a mile from Low Kilburn, which I visited in company with Mr. Ellis, the venerable Town Clerk, still bears the name of "Kilburn Park." At Hode, within the limits of the parish of Kilburn, the famous Roger de Mowbray established a church, priory and castle, in 1138. At this place the Abbot Gerald died and was buried in 1142. The priory was subsequently removed to the adjoining parish of Byland, where a magnificent pile of buildings was erected, which now constitute one of the most extensive and interesting ruins in Yorkshire. It can be seen from High Kilburn, from which place it is about two and a half miles distant. The walls of the ancient church at Hode are still standing, though covered with a modern roof and converted into a barn. A few years since a stone coffin, supposed to contain the ashes of the Abbot Gerald, was found in digging near by, and may now be seen in an upright position in the wall of the barn. The wall of a house in the vicinity also contains a similar curiosity; and at the west end of the edifice is the pedes-

tal of an ancient stone cross, with the arms of Mowbray* and other devices neatly carved in bas-relief. In this part of Kilburn was also dug up some years ago a stone font of curious workmanship, with a square base supported at the angles by four grotesque figures resembling sea-lions. It is now in possession of John Bell, Esq., of Thirsk.

"Hood Hill," which lies partly in this parish, was a favorite retreat of the famous Robin Hood and his brave foresters; and there, in the reign of Henry II, a battle was fought between the king's soldiers and the banditti, in which the latter were defeated and dispersed.

Mr. Gill mentions the discovery of the remains of *Roman* walls and pavements in the vicinity of Kilburn, which establishes the fact that the region was inhabited long anterior to the Conquest. As the word is evidently of Anglo-Saxon origin, it was probably first given as a name to the locality by the Saxon invaders of the sixth century. The following paragraph from a recent number of "The Easingwold Chronicle," edited by the Historian of the Valley of York, already named, has reference to one of the most ancient and interesting buildings now standing in the County:

"THE HUNTING SEAT AT KILBURN.

"During the times of Feudalism, Kilburn was a noted place for the wild boar, the stag, the bear, &c. Eight hundred years ago, it was a Royal Hunting Park, and William Rufus and Henry I. had a hunting seat in Low Kilburn for the residence of the Lord Forester. Who occupied it at that time we are not prepared to say, but in after times it became the residence of the Baynes', who lie interred in the chancel end of the church. The building appears to have been of considerable extent, but little of its ancient grandeur is now visible. A part of it is now occupied as a dwelling house, we believe by two widows. On the gable end of the building facing the street is a partly defaced shield of arms, quite in character with the ranger of a Forest. On the shield is a crest —a hand grasping a jaw bone. This appears to have been the arms of the Baynes', barons of Kilburn, who formerly occupied the hall or hunting seat, and most probably were the lords of the forest."

We visited this relic of the past, and it certainly needed no great stretch of the imagination to people its halls with *our own ancestors* of eight hundred years ago. Or at least may it not have been the very mansion occupied two hundred years later by the "lord of the manor"

* Roger de Mowbray, once a principal proprietor and resident of Kilburn, was a descendant of the first Duke of Northumberland, who was the bow-bearer of William the Conqueror. During the Crusades, Mowbray fought in the Holy Land, and was taken prisoner by Guy, King of Jerusalem, but was redeemed by the Knights Templars. On his return to England, he is said by Dugdale to have "fought with dragons and lions in the valley of Sarranell," and then to have returned to his castle at Kilburn. He was buried at Byland Abbey, where, in 1819, his bones were discovered and re-interred after a repose of between six and seven hundred years.

referred to in the following article?—clipped some years since from a Philadelphia paper, in which it was credited to Thomas Campbell, the English poet:

"The proudest Briton of the thirteenth century was William de Kilbourne, lord of the manor of Kilbourne, in Yorkshire. Though not possessed of vast estates, his disposition for show caused him to outstrip all the men of the North of England in the parade of his equipage and the sumptuousness of his entertainments. It is related that King John and his retinue, returning from the northern wars, were received and entertained by him with such gorgeous and profuse hospitality, as to excite the envy of that vain and voluptuous monarch, who significantly remarked to his secretary, after taking his departure, "The king will tolerate no rival with royaltie." The king died not long thereafter, or his implied threat might have been summarily executed upon his unsuspecting host. But it needed not the vengeance of the crown to bring to an end the pride of the Lord of Kilbourne. His extravagance in due time scattered nearly his entire income, and portions of his hereditary estates were privately leased to enable him to continue in style. At length, in the dawn of old age, when told that Death was even at the door, his "ruling passion" did not forsake him. Summoning his family and attendants, he deliberately gave minute directions as to his funeral, and mode and place of burial. His body was to lie in state for five days; all the nobility and landed gentry within fifty miles were to be invited, the Archbishop of York was to say mass,—and for these and other funeral expenses, he appropriated £3000, which he had specially reserved for that purpose! He died A. D. 1233, aged about sixty years. Notwithstanding his ostentatious burial, the late learned historian of York was unable to find his place of sepulture."

The next mention which I have found of the name, is in the subjoined paragraph from the "*Rolls of Scotland*," preserved in the Tower of London and Westminster Abbey, bearing date—

A. D. 1336.—"JOHN DE KYLBURN is appointed Chief Commissary of the Works in the Camp occupied by the King of England in Scotland."

Two years later (viz., in 1338,) JOHN KILBORN (perhaps the same person mentioned in the foregoing paragraph,) is referred to in the Rolls as "Governor of the Works in the Royal Camp in Scotland."*

A. D. 1351.—Thomas de Hoton, Rector of Kirkby Misperton, in his Will dated and proved in 1351, makes a bequest "to pray for his soul and for the soul of WILLIAM DE KILBURN," and others. In one part of this Will his name is spelled *Kylburn*.

* This was during the reign of Edward III. of England, who had invaded Scotland, and assisted in placing Edward Baliol upon the throne. The latter succeeded David II, (son of Robert Bruce,) as King of Scotland, A. D. 1332; and was *succeeded* by the same monarch in 1341. During much of this period, the army of Edward III. was stationed in Scotland for the protection of Baliol, who was regarded as an usurper by the majority of his countrymen.

A. D. 1382.—In the great store-house of antiquities already adverted to, (the "Rolls of Scotland,") I find a Proclamation issued by King Richard II, as follows:

"*A License for carrying Brass into Scotland.*

"The King to all and every person, greeting.—William Richmond and THOMAS DE KILBOURNE, of York, having petitioned us that we would grant them a License that they may, through themselves or their agents, buy and provide in Lincolnshire, a thousand quarters of Brass, and carry it by ships into the ports of Grymesby and Barton, and to draw and carry it thence into parts of Scotland lying opposite.

"We, assenting to their supplications, have drawn out a License to that import, and thus we command, &c.

"The King being Witness at Westminster the xxvii of January, 1482."

A. D. 1386.—JOHN DE KILBURN was a Vicar of the Cathedral-Church at York, in the year 1386. He is named as an Executor in the Will of John Marshall, Archdeacon of Cleveland and Canon of York Cathedral, which was dated and proved that year.

A. D. 1394.—In the first volume of Records in the Will Office at York, is this entry, viz., "On the 26th October, 1394, the Probate of the Will of WILLIAM KYLBURN, of Mydethorp, was granted to Annabella, his widow." As there appears no record of the Will itself, nothing farther can be gathered concerning his family. Mr. Paver remarks—"The residence cannot possibly, I think, apply to any other place than Middlethorpe, a very small village about one and a half mile from York."

[A. D. 1398.—LORD KILBURNIE. John Lindsay, was created a Peer of Scotland by Robert III, in 1398, with the titles of Earl of Crawford, *Lord Kilburnie*, etc. A descendant of this family was created a Peer of England by Queen Anne, with the same titles, in 1703. This title is derived from a town of Kilburnie in Scotland.]

A. D. 1404.—In the "History and Antiquities of the Sen. of Holderness, [Yorkshire,] by George Poulson, Esq.,"* (vol. i, p. 250, 254,) the name of "JOHN KILBURN, Priest," occurs in the list of Rectors of Beeford Church, in the East Riding of that County. He was installed into the office of Rector, June 17, 1404. On the 12th of January, 1405, "Richard Ulverstone, Clerk," superseded him; and on the 6th of November, 1406, Mr. Kilburn was re-installed in the Rectorship. Mr. Kilburn died in 1408—and in his Will, which was proved August 30th of

* A copy of this splendid work, (published at Hull, England, in 1840,) is owned by the eminent Boston antiquary, S. G. Drake, Esq. Among many similar specimens of art, the first volume contains handsome quarto plates of Beeford Church and of Beeford Rectory. Mr. Kilburn, the accomplished artist of Boston, is of the opinion, from the style of architecture, that the present edifice is the very one that was standing in 1404.

that year, he "bequeathed his body to be buried in the church of Beeford."

*From "The History of the Seigniory of Holderness," (vol. ii, p. 122.)*

A. D. 1413.—"Presentments and Indictments taken before Robert Wynteringham, Mayor of the town of Hedon, [Yorkshire,] Mich. Kirkby and William Barbor, Bailiffs of the same town, Keepers of the Peace of our Lord the King, also his Justices, to enquire into the felonies, transgressions, and all other evil acts within the town aforesaid and the liberties thereof, manifest or contingent, to hear, terminate and assign at Hedon, on Tuesday in the Feast of St. Nicholas the Bishop, in the sixth year of the reign of Henry V.*

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| Robert Baty, | Simon de Marflete, |
| WILLIAM KILBURNE, | John Dandron, |
| William Clark, | William Turner, |
| Thomas Thorgall, | Peter North, |
| Hugh Bernard, | William Ranger, |
| John Ellerton. | John Scherburne." |

The WILLIAM KILBURNE, whose name appears in the foregoing list of Grand Jurors, died previous to the year 1431. He bequeathed the rent of a house in the parish of St. Nicholas for the sustaining of the Chapel, for which an annual obit was to be performed in the Chapel of St. Augustine, by "four chaplains and the parish clerk, for the repose of his soul, forever."†

A. D. 1437.—*Will of* JOHN KILBURN, *Janitor of St. Mary's Abbey, York, dated 11th Dec.*, 1436—*proved at York, 26th May*, 1437.

"I, *John Kilburn*, Janitor of the Monastery of the Blessed Virgin Mary, York, bequeath my body to be interred beneath the monastery above named.

Item.—I bequeath twelve pounds of wax [for lights] to be burned around my body on the day of my burial,

Item.—I bequeath to the sacristy of the monastery aforementioned, for my funeral charges, six shillings and eight pence;—for the building of the Church of St. Olive's, twenty pence.

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* Among the Presentments for the year in 1422, is the following: "Item. They say that *William Kelburne* hath certain wood lying in Westgate, which is very inconvenient in the common highway, who came and submitted himself, &c.; 2*d*."

† The following items are from the "yearly accounts" of the Borough of Hedon:—

A. D. 1431.—"Rental of the Commonalty, &c. And with an annual obit made within the Chapel of St. Augustine there, with four chaplains and the parish clerk, for the soul of *William Kilburn* this year—16*d*."

A. D. 1438.—"Account of William Hemynson and William Sewardby, Keepers of the fabric of the Chapel of St. Nicholas the Bishop, from the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, the fifteenth year of the reign of Henry VI., to the same date in the sixteenth year of said reign:

"Of the 4*s*. 6*d*. rent of a house in the parish of St. Nicholas, on the south part there, late *William Kilburn's*, given to the Mayor and Commonalty to the sustaining of said Chapel, for which an annual obit on the Sunday next before the Feast of the Blessed Mary Magdalene, by the Keepers of the fabric of this chapel for the time being, in the Chapel of St. Augustine, with four chaplains and the parish clerk, for the soul of the said *William Kilburn*, forever."

Item.—I bequeath thirteen shillings and four pence to be distributed in the convent of the monastery aforesaid.

The residue of my property I bequeath to my beloved wife."

A. D. 1441.—John Whitgife, citizen and saucemaker of York, in his Will "bequeaths the residue of his property to JOHN KILBORN, his servant."

Thus far the name and family appear to have been confined to Yorkshire. But they had already begun to scatter. Urged, doubtless, by that spirit of emigration which seems to have been a characteristic of the race from that time to the present, they went wherever the calls of enterprise or duty seemed to invite them.

In the early part of the fifteenth century, JOHN KILBORNE, Gent., was one of the Fellows of Peter-House College, Cambridge. Though it is not ascertained *where* he resided, it is not improbable he was at that time a citizen of Cambridgeshire, especially as the name is soon after found in that county. May he not have been an ancestor of Thomas Kilborne (our first American progenitor,) who was a native of Cambridgeshire, and whose father was also named John? John Kilborne is named by Carter, in his "History of Cambridge University," in the list of "principal benefactors" of Peter-House College; and Cole's MSS., in the British Museum, make mention of a *Silver Cup*, presented by him to that College, bearing the inscription—"Wine gladdens the heart of man."* Cole spells his name *Kilborn*.

Willis in his "Survey of Cathedrals," (Vol. III, p. 84,) publishes a list of "Archbishops, Bishops, Deans, Precentors, Chancellors, Treasurers, Subdeans, Archdeacons, and Prebendaries." In it I find the following, viz., "JOHN KILBOURNE, installed Precentor of Lincoln Cathedral, October 16, 1446; died, 1458." He was succeeded by Alexander Prowett, L.L.B. I found his Will on record in the York Will Office, bearing date, Feb. 5, 1457.

Rymer's "Fœdera," (Vol. XI, p. 234,)—a copy of which may be found in the Library of the Connecticut Historical Society—contains the following Proclamation, bearing date, August 2, 1449;

A. D. 1449.—REV. WILLIAM KILBURN.

* I am indebted to my venerable friend, Prof. Adam Sedgwick, of Cambridge University, for the following extract from the Records of Peter-House College, viz.:

"Record of a bacchanalian bowl appertaining to the dining table of St. Peter's, Cambridge, May, 1427.

"Item.—One Goblet having a silver pedestal with a silver cover, and around the margin of the cover is engraved—

'*Wine rejoiceth the heart of man.*'

"The bequest of Master JOHN KYLBORN, late a Fellow of this College. Weight, eighteen ounces."

This goblet was lost, with most of the other plate belonging to the College, during the civil wars.

"For the Rector of the Parish of Sancti Medardi:

"The King, To all whom it may concern, sendeth Greeting:

"To show by some suitable memorial that we have not forgotten how bravely many Lords, Nobles, Dukes, and faithful Heroes of our English Government perished at the siege of our village Calais, before the conquest of the same—who were there with his majesty, my ancestor, and with his majesty Henry V, late king of England:

Whose bodies lie buried in the Parish and Cemetery of Sancti Medardi, of Oye, in the district of Oye, and in various other surrounding places.

Being willing, therefore, and having a regard for the *safety of our soul*, and for the soul of Henry V, late king of England, our father, and of the aforesaid individuals, and in order that *William Kilburn*, Chaplain, now Rector of the Parish aforesaid, may be favorably influenced and under greater obligations *to pray* especially for the soul of our said ancestor, and of each and every one who fell at the siege as aforesaid—and also for the soul of the said Henry, our father:

We therefore, by special favor, grant to the aforesaid *William Kilburn* a tenth part of the lands—as meadows, gardens, woodlands, pastures, cultivated fields; and also of all other desirable things, such as hay, wool, lambs, mules, fish, birds, and also of personal property of said Parish—as far as it *extends* or *ought* to extend—of everything pertaining to it in any manner, from ancient times, or that *ought to pertain to it;* that he may be able to *have*, *hold* and *enjoy* these things freely and entirely to the end of his life, without disturbance, trouble or molestation, either by command of my Treasurer at Calais or any other officer of mine whatever, residing for the time in my said village of Calais, or by command of the Mayor of the same.

"Given in presence of the King, at Westminster, the 2d day of August, by his private seal, and by the authority of Parliament.

A. D. 1449.
An. 27th, H. 6.
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The names of other Kilburns of the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries, are here chronologically arranged. The spelling of the original is retained in each case.

A. D. 1475.—THOMAS KYLBURN, of York. Will dated Feb. 21, 1475; in which he mentions a son Thomas.

A. D. 1477.—AGNES KILBURN, of York. Will dated Sept. 10, 1477; no Kilburns named therein.

A. D. 1500.—Will of WILLIAM KYLBURN, of Cambridgeshire, copied from the Registry of the Bishop of Ely:

"In dei noie Amen, the xiiijth day of February An° d$^{n}$ 1° five$^{c}$, I WILM. KYLBURN, makythe my testament In thys man.

I comend my sawll to Almyghty God. Item. I bequay to the hight Auter vjviij$^{d}$. It. To the reparacon off the chyrche vj$^{s}$ viij$^{d}$. It. To my Viff a cowe and scheppe and other stoffe to the valeur off xl$^{s}$ w$^{t}$. All seche goods as sche haud hir Awn at the ty of Aur Marage and Also my best brass pot sawv an.

It. I bequeth to John my eldyst son my copy holds In wiche John Mauning nowe dweleth wt the lands app'tnyng thereto. It. I bequeth to Thos. my son my tenements wt the croft and and app'rtinanc In wich Andrew Salew'n dewylleth And All the Wood app'tenyg y' to, I beqewth to Wilm. my son except frut trees.

It. I beqweth to the sayd Thos. the two oxen and my best schod cart.

It. To the sayd Wilm. two oxen and my other schod cartt and to them two a bowd cawdron.

It. To Agnes my dawther vj colmes malt, A cowe and my gret almery wt my best brass pot.

It. To Margrete my dowther iiij colmes barly and a black cow calff wt a posnyg.

It. To Elisab. my doght. one colme barly wyd wt my wite pay'.

It. To Johanne my doght. an hakfer wt a white face.

It. To my sonnes Rob. Hugh and Nicholas to ev'y of them a colme malt.

It. I beqwethe to my said sonnes John, Thos. and Wilm. the terme of yeres wich I have in my ferme at Trompy'ton both In the man' and that I have wt John gardea' wt thys condicon yt they schall wt the profetts of the same ber all chargys and frely send both mete and drynck and clothe ther brother and syster unto the time they be Abyll to helppe them selffe. And when my sayd childer be off lawfull Age and discrecion than I wyll yat my executors delyv' to ev' of thame there legats or els the walews y'off and Iff eny of thame dye wyth In age his part so deed be devarded among my childr' lyvyng and Iff eney of my said childer walnot be rulede according to Resen that he so mysruled by the discrecon of my sead executors be adwodye fro' the co'paney. The residew of my goods I beqweth to the sayd John my sen sonne and to Wilm Bradlay whom I make my executors And Andrew Kylborn my brother ov'seer.

Whytness the curat the sayd Andrew John Let' and oder yeme at compynes daye yere A bowth sayd."*

A. D. 1507.—"JOHN KYLBORN, Yeoman," was a witness to the Will of Jane, wife of Sir William Stapleton, Kt., of Wig-hall, Yorkshire, Feb. 24. The other witnesses were "Sir Robert Norton, and Sir William Ben, parish priest of Wass."†

A. D. 1507—"THOMAS KILBURNE, of Hyngynge, Grymestone." Will recorded in the Registry Office of the Archbishop of York, bearing date, April 24.

A. D. 1510.—Will of ANDREW KYLBORN, of Trumpington, Cambridgeshire—from the Registry of the Bishop of Ely:

In dei noie Amen die Sti Michaelis Ao Dni millmo CCCCCo Xto, I ANDREW KYLBORN off Trompy'ten beyng off good mynd &c.

Itm. I bequeath to ye Ault'r for my tethys forgoten iiij*s*.

Itm. To ye repa'con off ye church xx*s*.

* In this Will, (as indeed in the others,) the printer has followed the copy of the original, *verbatim et literatim*. It may serve the reader as an "ingenious puzzle" to decipher the meaning of the author.

† Wass is situated in the parish of Kilburn, Yorkshire.

To Elizabeth my wyff my house in Dagnaleon wych my son John dwelleth in, to hyr and to my son Thomas and to hys chyldrs.

To my seyd wyff ye lands called busshmedow, my best schod cart, iij my best horses ij oxen, ij yong helkfars; and to ev'y off my daughters a cow viij qrts off malt and a colme off mystlyn.

To John my son an Aker off meadow somtym Ric. Ames, an halff aker Arable land lyng in gret Rutten.

Itm. To Andr Kylborn my cosyn iij quarters Barley.

The residew off my goods I comyt to ye dysposycon off my sayd wyff whom I make my executor wt Ric and John my sonnys.

Wytness the curat Thomas Pyers John Wylkinson wt other moo.

A. D. 1524.—Will of JOHN KILBORNE, of Trumpington, Cambridgeshire—from the Registry of the Bishop of Ely:

In the name of God Amen The xvj daye of the month of Junye In the yere of our Lorde God M ccccc xxiiij ti and in the xxj yere of the Reigne of our Sov'aigne Lord Kyng Henry the viijth, I JOHN KILBORNE of Trumpington in the Countie of Cambridge wt in the Diocese of Ely, Housbandman, being of hole mynde and good Remebrannce thanked be Almightie God, make my testament and last will in this manner of wise and forme folowing:

First, I bequethe my soul to Almightie God to our blessed Lady seynt Mary and to all the holy company in heven, And my body to be buried in the cherche yarde of the p'isshe cherche of Trumpington aforesaid.

Itm. I bequethe to the high Auter of the same cherche vj busshells barley.

Itm. to the holy gild wt' in the saide Cherche ij quarters barley.

Itm to the Repa'con of the bells of the same cherche one quarter barley.

Itm to the sepulchre light wt in the same cherche one combe barly.

Itm to the Repa'con of the torchys wt in the same cherche one combe of barley.

Itm to ev'y of my godchilder one busshell of barly.

Itm to Johan Serle my kynswoman, a quarter of barly.

Itm I give and bequeth to Alys Kilborne my wife one Acre medowe and half an Acre of Arable lande to have and to hold to her her heyres and Assigns for ev' to geve and sell at her Free will and pleasure.

Itm to Brian White one busshell of barly.

Itm to Stephyn Amye one quarter barly.

Itm to Robert Glandefeld vicar of the said cherche of Trumpyngton my gostly father to praye for my soul one quarter barly.

The Residew of my goods and catells above not bequethed nor Assigned I gif and bequethe to Alice my wif to pay my Detts And make and ordeyn the said Alys myn Executrice of this my testament and last will. And also I make Brian Whighte Executor wt the saide Alice, And supvisor of the same Stephyn Amye.

Thes being witnes the foresaide Sr Robert Glandefeld my gostly father, Thomas Bendeley, Willia' Curteyse, Willia' Cowper, wt other moo the day and yere above saide.

[Proved June 24, 1524.]

A. D. 1515.—ROBERT KILBURNE, of Catton, Yorkshire. Will dated Jan. 5; son Thomas, executor.

A. D. 1536.—The Rev. PETER KILLEBORNE, was Vicar of the church of Saraplofte, in the diocese of Lincoln, and county of Leicester in the time of Henry VIII.

A. D. 1536.—ELIZABETH KYLBURNE was Prioress of Nauburne Holme Priory, Yorkshire, at the date of its suppression by Henry VIII.

A. D. 1548.—THOMAS KILBORNE, of Catton, Yorkshire. Will dated Sept. 2. He bequeaths to "each of his seven children two silver spoons;" to Robert Kilborne "a brass pot that was testator's grandfather's;" and certain property to be divided among four of his children, viz., Thomas, Robert, William and Alison. His wife's name was Alison, and Thomas is called his eldest son. He desires to be buried in the church porch.

A. D. 1554.—WILLIAM KYLBORNE, of Over Catton, Yorkshire. Will dated in January. He bequeaths to his brother Robert Kylborne all his land in Barnby; leaves a legacy for his sister Alice; and desires his father-in-law, Tristram Braithwaite, to "remember Thomas Kylborne, for he is the poorest."

A. D. 1554.—Will of NICHOLAS KYLBORNE, of Cambridgeshire —copied from the Registry of the Bishop of Ely:

In the name of God, Amen; in the yere of our Lord God a thousand 554, I NYCHOLES KYLBORNE of Over in the countie of Cambridg, and Diocese of Eleie being of hole mynde and good and perfect remembrance make this my testament and Last will in maner furme hereafter following.

First I bequieth my souell to Almightie God my Maiker and Redemer and my bodie to be buried in the churchyarde of Over aforesaid.

Item I bequieth to the high altar for tythes forgottenn iiij*d.*

Item I bequieth to the reperacon of the bells xx*d.*

Item I bequieth to Will'm Kylborne my sonn, v*jl* xiij*s* iiij*d*, and one blacke heyforthe being in the Fenn, and one ew and one Lambe.

Item I bequieth and gyve to John Kylborne my sonne v*jl* xiij*s* iiij*d*, one rede flarred cowe and one cople of shepe that is to saie one ew and one Lambe of the best.

Item I gyve and bequieth to Agnes Kylburne my daughter in moneie v*l* and one blacke cowe provided alwaies that if it happen any of the foresaid parties do decease and die withoute yssue then I will that the part or portion of hym or hir so deceased shal be equallie devyded amongst the other parties being on lyve and to contenue so long as any of theme shall lyve.

Item I gyve and bequieth to Rose Kylborne my dowghter Fyve pounds of good and lawfull money.

Item I gyve and bequieth to Emme Kylborne v*l.*

Item I gyve and bequieth to Agnes Kilborne my wiefe fower keene and half the howsehold stufe in my howese.

Item I will that Agnes my wiefe shall have hir dwelling in the howese wth Thomas my sonne so long as she shall lyve unmaried.

Item I will that my wiefe shall have yearelie fower half acres of [blank] that is in everie felde one half acre, and I will Thomas my sonne

shall yerelie *are cupace* and sowe and also carie home the said corne which shal be sowene uponne the said ij acres to the use of Agnes my wiefe and in all pointes to the use of the said land as well as his owne land.

The residewe of my goodes not gyvene nor bequiethed in this my p'sent will I gyve and bequieth to Thomas Kylborne my sonne whome I ordayne and maike my soole executor of this my last will and testament. And I ordeygne and make Richard Boydo' my supp'rovisor of this my said will; Furthermore I will that my said sonnes Will'm and John shall have there said partes delyvered and paid unto theme at the age of twentie yeres and my saide doughters there porcions at the age of xvij yeres, and I renounce and revoke all other wills and testaments maid by me before this daie, And I will then this will and testament shall stand in effecte.

These beinge witnesses, Richard Boyden, Robt. Loder, Edward Brograve, Will'm Cooke, John Bechener, and Mychaell Freyre, wt other mo.

Daytid the xxvth daie of maie in the first and seconnd yere of the reigne of our soveraigne Lord and Ladie Phillippe and Marie, Bie the grace of God etc. the first and seconde.

A. D. 1551.—Will of THOMAS KILBORN, of Cambridgeshire—copied from the Registry of the Bishop of Ely:

In the Name of God Amen the xxijth day of Januarye in the yere of our Lord God M. V. li, I THOMAS KILBORN of Trumpington in the Dioces of Elye make my testamente and laste Will in fourme followinge.

Firste I bequieth my soule to Almyghtie God and my body to be buriede in the churche yearde of Trumpyngton aforesaiede.

Allso I bequethe to Androwe Kylborne my Eldest sonne, my house in Trumpington, and Ellen my Wif to have the same house and to kepe the repa'con of the same house and all other houses to the same belonging untill Androwe my sonne come to xxj yeres old and then he to have it.

Item I bequiethe to Androwe Kilborne ij paire of sheets, th'one paire of flaxen and th'other of Twoone.

Item to Edward my sonne vl and ij paire of sheets, th'one paire of flaxen and other of Towen, and a great brass potte, ande he to have it at xxj yeres olde.

Item to Henry my sonne an Acre of land that lyethe agaynst shelfourthemore, and iiijl in moneie, ij paire of sheets, th'one of flaxen, and th'other of twyne, and a brasse potte, and he to have them at the fore saiede Aige, and if any of them Dep'te this Worlde before they come to th'aige afforesaiede, then one of them to be others heyre.

Item to the povertie xls. th'one halfe at my buryall the other halfe to the poor mens boxe, and if Ellen my wif do marye, he that maryeth her shall make my children stoocks good at all tymes when it shall be Required by my sup'visor or to his assignes for the behoof of my children.

The Residewe of my goods not bequiethed I gyve to Ellen my Wif she to disspose them for the healthe of my soule as it shall sem most expedyent to her. The whiche Ellen and Richard Cotton I ordeyn and make executors of this my testamente, and John Kilborne to be sup'visor of the same.

Theise beinge witnesse Sir John Harbor, Richard Howe, Mathewe Holton, John Kylborne, wt other moo the day and yere above wrytten.

[Proved March 20, 1551.]

A. D. 1555.—MARTIN KYLBRONNE, of Harwood-dale, in the Parish of Hackners, Yorkshire. Will dated May 5; wife, Alice.

A. D. 1556.—Will of JOHN KILBORNE, of Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire—from the Registry of the Bishop of Ely:

In the name of God Amen The xv daye of December in the yer of our Lord God 1556, I JOHN KYLBORNE of Waterbeache in the Count of Cambridge and Diocs of Elye being of good remembrance All honnor and thanks be unto Allmyghtye God, ordayne and make this my Last will and Testament in man and Forme folowyng

Fyrst wt all my hole hart I doo comend and gyve my Sowlle to Allmyghtye God, &c., And my bodye to be buryed wt in the Churche yeard of Waterbeache aforesaid.

Itm I gyve to the hye Alter &c. iij*s* iiij*d*.

Itm I gyve unto the povertye wt in the town of Waterbeach xl*s* to be dystrybuted at and after the discressyon of John my sonne and the Churchwardens as thei shall thinke most convenyent and wher most neede shal be.

Itm I gyve and bequeath to the povertye within the town of Trumpyngton xl*s*. in and after the same man' to be devyded by my said sonne and the Churchwardens ther at Trumpyngton.

Itm I gyve unto John my sonne all my goods beyng wythin this Town And allso my debtys owyng to me in lyke man' wth my stocke that I doo bye and sell withall as well malt as Barlye in my cellar.

Itm I will that my debtys all and sing'ler beyng under the Som of xij*d* to be clerely forgyven for ever.

Itm I will that Elizabeth my wyffe and John my Sonne shall Joyntlye togither occupye all the lande yt I have occupied synce that I cam into this Towne with all th'other goods wt in the yeard withoute, And if it shall fortune eyther of them to opteyn or get any more land they to occupye the said Land so opteyned or gotten joyntlye together as th'other before namyd, and allwayes to keepe the teyne ware hole togyther so long as they bothe doo lyve, and all other moveabylls in lyke maner. And when it shall pleas God to call to his m'cye either of them bothe Then they to devyde my goods equally betwixt them, and eiche of them to order and use their parts at their pleasur.

Itm I gyve unto John my sonne my house and land lying within the Lordshyppe of Trumpington wt all th'appetenn'es and proffyts therunto belongyng to hym and to his heyrs for ever.

Itm I will that Willm Greene my sonne in lawe shall have my howse and land in Trumpyngton that he doothe now dwell in for the term and space of iiij yers next and imedyatly folowyng after my departyng this p'sent lyffe withoute any stryffe or wast but onely to take for the necessarie Repa'cons of hedgyng and the said Willm Greene shall paye iiij*l* yerely Rent to my said sonne for the space and terme of the said iiij yers.

Itm I gyve unto Willm Greene my lease of sainte Johns lying in Waterbeache aforesaid wt all th'appetenn'es dety's and proffetts thereuuto belongyng.

Itm I gyve to John Greene my godsonne xxvj*s* to go in a stocke.

Itm I gyve to the said Willm Greene all suche houshold stuff as I left at Trumpyngton Except theis implements folowyng that is a Tabyll, a Forme, pott hangyngs, with all other yron worke in the chymney, a malt quearne, and a long leadder.

Itm I give unto ev'y servant yt I have iij*s*, iiij*d*. And to ev'y oone of my godchildren vj*d*.

Itm I gyve unto pesydent my mayd, my Road pyed heackeffer called nonne.

All the Residew of my goods not gyven nor bequeathed I give unto John my sonne whom I make myn Executor, And I make Willm Hasyll Sup'vysor of my said will and Testament and he to have for his payns xiij*s*. iiij*d*.

Wittness hereof Willm Hasyll, John Martyn, Nicholas Gylson, and Robert Watson wt others.

Itm I gyve to Willm Greene, my son in law iiij*l*. And allso to Thomas Redye xij*s*.

[Proved January 2, 1556–7.]

A. D. 1556.—Will of ELIZABETH KYLBORNE, of Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire—from the Registry of the Bishop of Ely:

In the Name of God Amen, the viij daye of January in the yer of our Lord God, 1556, I ELIZABETH KYLBORNE of Waterbeach in the dioces. of Elye wydowe beyng in hole mynde and memorye doo make this my last will and Testament in man' and Forme folowyng.

Fyrst I bequeath my sowlle to Allmyghty God &c, And my bodye to be buryed &c.

Item I will that the hole Som valewe and price of my howsse and Land that I have soulde to John Kylborne my sonne in Lawe be ordered gyven and devyded to and amongest the povertye in Waterbeach in the space of x years after this man' and forme folowyng That is to saye This p'esent year syx pounds in bread and every year after for the space of viij years next and immediatly folowing after iiij*l*. And the last year of the said x yers xl*s*. to be distributed gyven and devyded at and by the discression of John, my sonne, and the Churchwardens.

Item I gyve unto p'esident my mayde all my best Apparell bothe woollen and Lynnen and vj pec's of the best pewter.

Itm I gyve unto the said p'esydent one cowe called Cherye and allso fyve pounds of good and Lawfull money of England to be delyvered at the daye of her marryage, And if it fortune the said p'esydent to depart this worlde wt in age Then I will it Remaigne unto the poore of Waterbeache.

Itm I gyve unto Alice Hornyngsey oone Frocke yt I weare every holly daye.

Itm I gyve unto mother Spenser, my Workyng daye Apparell.

Itm I gyve unto Elizabeth Lome my goddowhgter xx*s* in money at the daye of her maryage.

Itm I will that ther be bestowed at my buryall daye, sevents daye, and thyrty daye, every howse ij*d*. wheras myn Executors and Churchwardens shall thinke most neede at and by their discressions.

Itm I gyve unto Will'm Sheryngton my godson oon Cowe called howell.

Itm I gyve unto ev'y godchylde yt I have oone sheepe.

Itm I gyve to every oone of Jermyn Sherington his children iij*s*. iiij*d*. and allso ij sheep.

Itm I gyve unto mother Barber oone double Rayle.

Itm I gyve unto the Town of Waterbeach two kyen to be letten yerely to the poore.

Itm I gyve unto Joan Awsten one payer of hardyn sheetys and the best panne.

Itm I gyve unto Will'm Gunnell *xs.* and oone Sheepe.

Itm I gyve unto Margaret Grandisbye oone Kyrtell that I wear every hollydaye And allso a payer of harden sheetys a mattres and a double Rayle.

Itm I gyve unto Margery Paryshe oone Cowe.

Itm I gyve toward the repa'cons of the Churche of Waterbeach *vl.*

Itm I gyve unto Thomas Brampton and Thomas Warde for their payns takyng either of them a quarter of Seede Bareley.

Itm I will that ther shal be bestowed imediatly after my departyng tenne coombes Barely in man' and forme folowyng that is to saye every weeke a combe barely to be bestowed in bread and gyven to the povertye at the discressyon of John Kylborne and the Churchwardens wher they shall thinke most nedeful And in lente next folowyng which shal be in the yer of or Lord God 1557 other x Combes in and after the same man' to the povertye.

Itm I will that Thomas Brampton of Trumpyngton and Thomas Ward of Landbeach shal be Sup'vysors of this my last will and testament and to have for their pans takyng either of them *vjs viijd.*

All the Resydue of my goods not gyven nor bequeathed I gyve unto John Kylborne my sonne in lawe and to p'esydent beyne my mayde whome I make myn Executors to paye my debts and legacyes before rehersyd And to order and dyspose the same to the most honnor and glorye of God and my sowlls health.

Wytnes hereof Thomas Brampton, Thomas Ward, Will'm. Hasyll, Nich. Gyllson, Will'm Crowell, with other moo.

[Proved January 14, 1556.]

A. D. 1558.—MAUD KILBORNE, of Over Catton, Yorkshire.—Will dated Aug. 20. She bequeaths to Robert Kilborne of Nether Catton, a bee-hive; to Thomas Kilborne, an old feather-bed. Mentions John Kilborne.

A. D. 1559.—Francis Catterick, Gent., of Stanwick, [eight miles from Richmond,] Yorkshire, in his Will, dated in 1559 and proved in 1560, among other similar bequests, gives unto "FRANCYS KYLBORNE *xxs.*" One of the witnesses to the will is also *Francys Kylborne.*

A. D. 1568.—THE ABBOT OF KILBOURNE was one of the Commissioners sent by Mary Queen of Scots, to Queen Elizabeth, to negociate a settlement of their difficulties. Lord Harries and the Bishop of Rosse were his colleagues on this mission. The Abbot was doubtless at the head of the Monastic institution at Kilbourne, Middlesex, England.*

* In some English works the Commissioner is styled "the Abbot of *Kilvourn*;" but as there never was any abbey by that name in England, the spelling is manifestly incorrect. The institution in Middlesex, referred to, though usually called "Kilbourne *Priory*," is often designated as an Abbey. In a drawing or view of the edifice, in the British Museum, it is called "Kilbourn Abbey;" and is also spoken of as an Abbey by Dugdale. A street which passes near its site is still put down in the maps of London as "the Abbey Road." Though his appointment here referred to, was made some years after the suppression of the monastic houses, the principal of the institution might still have retained his title.

A. D. 1596.—THOMAS KILBORNE, of Over, Cambridgeshire. Will dated Oct. 7 ; wife, Joan ; children—Thomas, William, Robert, Marian and Joan ; brother, John.

A. D. 1604.—ANDREW KILBORNE, of Hawxton, Co. of Cambridge. Will, dated Sept. 1. Wife, Alice ; sons, Edward, Andrew and William ; daughters, Catharine Goose, Joan Wilson and Elizabeth Newman.

A. D. 1609.—JOAN KILBOURNE, of Over, Cambridgeshire. Will dated May 28, and proved June 3. Son-in-law, William Kilborne ; sons, Thomas and Robert.

A. D. 1612.—HENRY KILBOURNE, of Trumpington, Cambridgeshire, yeoman. Will dated March 16, and proved April 29. Brother's son, Andrew Kilbourne ; nephews, Edward and William Kilbourne ; nieces, Newman and Goose.

A. D. 1617.—"WILLIAM KILBORNE, of Over, Cambridgeshire, singleman." Will dated Oct. 6, and proved Oct. 18. Legacies to his sister, Joan Clarke and to Nicholas son of Stephen Kilborne. Appoints his brother Thomas, executor.

A. D. 1620.—THOMAS KILBOURN, Gent., Bailiff* of the Corporation of Huntingdon, England ; was buried, Oct. 3 1620.

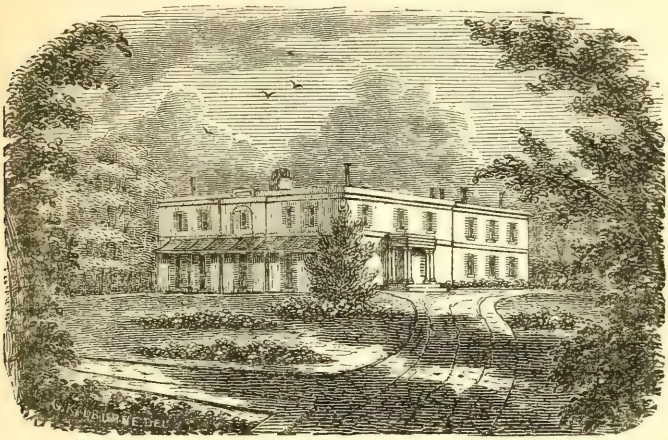
A. D. 1622.—JOHN KILBORNE, the elder, of Chircham, in the Isle of Ely, yeoman. Will dated July 10, 1622, and proved July 31, 1623. Eldest son, John ; sons, Thomas and Edward ; daughter, Elizabeth, wife of William Hunt ; daughters, Susan and Agnes. Appoints his wife, Elizabeth, executrix.

A. D. 1624.—The certificate of the Election to Parliament of Sir Henry St. John, Kt., and Sir Arthur Mannering, Kt., of Huntingdon, is "signed in the presence of WILLIAM KILBURNE, Thomas Yonge and Henry Malton."

A. D. 1628.—"FRANCIS KILBORNE, of Thavies' Inn, Holborn, [London,] Gent.," died. In his Will, which is recorded in the "Doctor's Commons," he bequeaths all his lands, houses and tenements to his eldest son, Francis, "to whom by right and law they belong ;" other property, (including a debt of £400, due from his cousin, John Kilborne,) he gives to his second son, Peter ; to his mother, Dorathy, her full support, and an additional annuity of £10. Also, fifteen shillings to the poor of St. Sepulchre parish, to be laid out in bread on the day of his funeral ; and £8 to the Church Wardens of St. Saviour, Southwark, to be laid out for the

* The office of Bailiff was formerly high and honorable in England, and officers under that title on the continent are still invested with important functions.— *Webster.*

poor of said parish, at their discretion. He refers to his "father-in-law, Watkins."



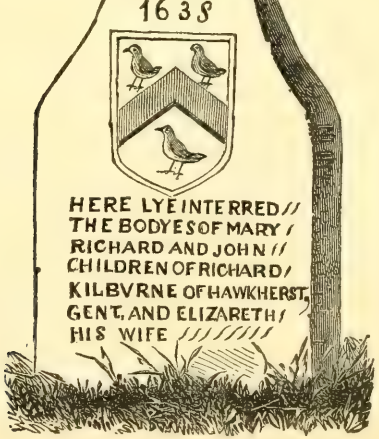
THE ANCIENT KILBURNE HOMESTEAD, AT HAWKHURST, ENGLAND.

A. D. 1605–1678.—RICHARD KILBURNE, Esq., was born in London in 1605, and was a resident of that city, and of Hawkhurst, in the County of Kent. He was a lawyer and historian of eminence, and was five times Principal of Staple's Inn, London. In 1657, he published a work entitled "Typographie, a Brief Survey of the County of Kent," in an oblong quarto form. Two years later, he published a handsome octavo volume of 434 pages, (with a portrait of the author,) of which the following is a copy of the title-page, viz.: "A Topographie, or Survey of the County of Kent, with some Chronological, Historical, and other matters touching the same—and the several Parishes and Places therein. By *Richard Kilburne*, of Hawkhurst, Esquire. London: printed by Thomas Mabb, for Henry Atkinson, and are to be sold at his shop at Staple Inn Gate, Holborn, 1659."* In the New York State Library at Albany, is another of his works entitled, "Choice Precidents upon all Acts of Parliament relating to the office and duty of a Justice of the Peace, including the first session of King William and Queen Mary; with Notes and Instructions thereupon, taken out of said Acts and particular cases in law adjudged therein. Also a more useful method of making up Court Rolls than hath hitherto been published in print. By *Richard Kilburn*, Esq., late one of the Justices of the Peace for the

* I purchased a copy of this work of Mr. Bumpas, bookseller, Holborn, a few rods from Staple Inn. Another copy is owned by Austin Kilbourn, Esq., of Glastenbury, Conn.

County of Kent, and Principal of Staple Inn. 4th Edition. 1690. London, printed for Richard Tonson, within Gray's Inn Gate, and next Gray's Inn Lane." Richard Kilburne died at Hawkhurst, November 16, 1678, aged 74. His fine mansion, called "Fowlers," is still standing, and is the residence of Captain Sir Richard Grant, of the Royal Navy. He lies buried in the chancel of the church at Hawkhurst, under a flat stone containing a Latin inscription, in which he is styled "an ornament and an honor to his country."

Richard Kilburne, Esq., had eight or nine children, viz., (1.) *William*, "son and heir," m. Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Bettenham, and had a son, Richard. (2.) *Isaac*, m. Margaret, daughter of Stephen Lambe, and had a daughter, Elizabeth. (3.) *Mary*, d. in 1633. (4.) *Richard*, d. in 1634. (5.) *John*, d. in 1638. (6.) *Elizabeth*, m. William Leavitt, of Sussex, Eng. (7.) *Thomas*. (8.) *Anne*. (9.) *Charles*, whose name is entered in the "Visitation of 1634." Notwithstanding this numerous family, it is stated by Hasted, in his "History of Kent," that "he left an only daughter and heir, *Anne*, who m. Thomas Brewer, Esq., of West Farleigh, in Kent," who thereby became possessed of "Fowlers," the ancient seat of the Kilburnes of Kent. They had three children, to wit., [1.] John, who d. in 1724, leaving an only daughter, Jane, who m. (1st) John Carney, Esq., and (2d) John Shrimpton, Esq. She d. without issue, in 1762. [2.] Philip, who was killed by a fall from his horse, in 1721, aged 35; unmarried. [3.] Mary, m. Mr. Davis, and had a son, the Rev. *John*




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*Davis*, D. D., who was Prebendary of Canterbury, Rector of Hemsey, in Sussex, and Rector of East Peckham; he became the proprietor of "Fowlers" in 1762, and died in his Prebendal House in Canterbury, Feb. 9, 1766, leaving "Fowlers" to his son, Sir *John Brewer Davis*, Kt., who occupied it during the early part of the present century. Sir John Brewer Davis m. Frances, daughter of the Rev. James Tattershall, M. A., and had a son, *Horatio Davis*, Esq., who m. Frances, daughter of Sir William James, Bart., and his wife Jane, daughter of John, Marquis of Camden.

Richard Kilburne, it would seem, became possessed of "Fowlers" in 1631, at the age of 26 years; as he informs us in his 'Topographie,' (published in 1659,) that he had resided at Hawkhurst "upwards of 28 years, God's Providence having there lent him an inheritance." It was doubtless in the possession of his father and perhaps his grandfather, as the "coat of arms" belonging to the family apparently long previous to his day, was granted to the Kilburnes of "London and *Hawkhurst*."

A. D. 1621–1681.—The Wills or records of the estates of the following persons may be found in the "Doctor's Commons," London, viz., William Kilburne, 1621; Elicea Kilburne, 1622; Robert Kilbourne, 1647; William Kilburne, Middlesex, 1649; Thomas Kylburne, Suffolk, 1654; Thomas Kilburne, Cambridgeshire, 1656;* William Kilburne, 1659; Richard Kilburne, 1671; Andrew Kilburne, London, 1673; Richard Kilburne, Kent, 1671; John Kilborne, Suffolk, 1681.

A. D. 1628.—The name of JOHN KILBURN, Burgess, is appended to the Election Certificate of James Montague and *Oliver Cromwell*, who were this year returned as members of Parliament for Huntingdon.

A. D. 1636.—Rev. WILLIAM KILBORNE, of Wethersden, Co. of Suffolk, Rector. Will dated Oct. 8, 1636, and proved May 7, 1644. Wife, Agnes; sons, William and Andrew. Mentions a tenement in Trumpington, conveyed to him by his father, Andrew; refers to his mother, Alice.

A. D. 1649.—WILLIAM KILBURNE, Esq., a lawyer of Gray's Inn, London, died March 14, 1648–'9 and was buried in the Temple Church.

A. D. 1653.—JOHN KILBORNE, of Ely, Yeoman. Will dated August 26, 1653, and proved May 31, 1670. Wife, Katharine; sons, Thomas and Edmund; grandchild, Thomas; grandchild, John, son of Edmund; grandchild, Katharine.

† Will of Thomas Kilburne, of Over, Co. of Cambridge, dated 1654; proved 1656; bequeaths all his property to his only and natural daughter, Judith, wife of Nathaniel Whiting, of Northampton.

[A. D. 1656.—VISCOUNT KILBURNE.—"Lord George Vair, the eldest son of the Earl of Middlesex, was called by courtesy, the *Viscount Kilburne*, I presume from his Lordship's Maida estates, for he had estates there; and his titles, which may be seen in Burke or Berry, or indeed in Edmundson, or it may be in many an older authority, include the surrounding parishes pretty freely. Thus, he is Earl of Middlesex, *Viscount Kilburne*, Baron Highgate, (1656,) Lord Hempstead of Maida Hill, and a baronet, (1668,) &c. From this we may infer that at some time or other his Lordship's estates were as numerous as his debts are at present, unless, indeed, the whole account be a swindle got up by some Rouge dragon, Norray or Lancaster Herald, just for the sake of the fees. I am, however, not at all inclined to believe the latter, because books certainly do exist, wherein the deeds of the great Middlesex family are duly chronicled."—page 35. On page 39, the writer says—"My Lord George had at that time given over every idea of uniting the *Kilburne* and Belgrave estates," &c.]*

A. D. 1659.—In the Library of the British Museum, are the following pamphlets, viz.: "Dangerous Errors in several late printed Bibles, to the great corruption of all True Religion. Discovered by WILLIAM KILBURNE, GENT. Printed at Finsbury, A. D., 1659." Dated at London, January, 1659; octavo, 16 pages.† Also, "a Petition to Parliament on erroneous editions of the Bible;" and "Proposals concerning the future Printing of Bibles in England," by the same author. In the same Library, I found a folio sheet entitled, "A New Year's Gift for Mercurius Politicus, a Poem by *William Kilburne*. 1659."

A. D. 1660.—THOMAS KILBORNE, *A. B.*, graduated at Magdalen College, Cambridge, this year.

A. D. 1661–1743.—REV. WILLIAM KILBORNE, *A. M.*, son and heir of William Kilburne, Gent., of Louth, Lincolnshire, b. in 1661; graduated at Magdalen College, Cambridge, in 1686; and died in Saffron Walden, Essex, April 25, 1743, aged 82 years. From Lord Braybrooke's, "History of Audley End," and of the Town and Parish of Walden, in

* The two extracts contained in this paragraph are from a work entitled—"Houses with their Fronts off. By James Hain Frizwell, author of "The Shadow of St. Paul," "The Russian Empire," &c. London. Published by James Blackwood, Paternoster Row—1854." The titles and characters are doubtless fictitious.

† The "Bibliographer's Manual of English Literature," by Wm. Thomas Lowndes, (1834), says, in relation to this pamphlet: "This curious tract points out numerous pernicious errors, corrupt erratas, escapes and faults, in several impressions of the Holy Bible and New Testament 'within these late years,' (during the rebellion,) commonly vended and dispensed, to the great scandal of religion,—but more particularly in the late impressions of Henry Hill and John Field, printers."

which that baronial edifice is situated, I gather the following facts, viz.: Mr. Kilborne was presented with the living of Littlebury, by "Ann, Countess Dowager of Suffolk," in 1692, of which parish he was Vicar until his death, a period of more than fifty years; he was Vicar of the parish of Saffron Walden twenty years, and Master of the School in the latter place for thirty-one years. The Burial Register, says, "he was buried in the Burying-place of the Byrdes, of which family his wife is the only survivor, in right whereof he hath a faculty granted him of it for a burying-place for himself and his family." The History of Walden, referred to, (pp. 209, 210,) contains a Latin epitaph copied from a flat stone in the north aisle of the church in that parish, of which the following is a translation, viz.:

"ARMS.—Argent on a chevron azure between three bald coots close sable a fret or, for Kilborne; impaling sable a chevron between three eagles displayed argent, on a chief of the last a bend engrailed between two martlets of the first, for Raymond. Crest—a bald coot, in its bill a cross crosslet fitche argent."

"Here sleeps entombed, WILLIAM KILBORNE, A. M., awaiting a happy resurrection in Christ. He was born at Louth, in the County of Lincoln; was educated at Magdalen College, Cambridge, and was for thirty-one years Principal of the Seminary of Learning in this town. Having in 1714, annexed the Vicarage of Walden to the Vicarage of Littlebury with which he had been honored in 1692, he devoted himself entirely to his ecclesiastical duties. He married Susannah, the daughter of Robert Raymond and grand-daughter of D. Byrde, and had children, three of whom died young. His son, *Robert Kilborn*, LL.D., held the Rectorship of Barnes, in Surrey, and of St. Mary Aldermary, London, and died suddenly, Nov. 12, 1730, aged 30 years, leaving two children, William and Anna, by his wife, Anna, the daughter and heiress of Margaret Aston, of Brantford, in Middlesex, where she died the following year—and both were buried in the cemetery of St. Paul's, London, of which he had been Prebendary. *Elizabeth Kilborne* married the Rev. Edmund Mapletoft, Rector of Burton, Cambridgeshire, and had a numerous family. *Mary Kilborne*, the youngest, lived unmarried until the death of her father, leading a life of exemplary piety.

"He died, April 23, A. D. 1743, aged 82."

"The above inscription a most estimable and humble man has desired to be made—of whose praises we may speak more fully than himself, but the marble itself cannot contain them. A diligent and faithful pastor of the church, a sound and skillful preacher of the Divine word, he exemplified in his life the duties which he taught in his sermons; a loving husband, a most excellent father, a faithful friend, kind to the poor, his death was sincerely felt by all."

"Susannah Kilborne, his widow, died, May 18, 1747, aged 88."

Another stone in the same aisle informs us that Mary, daughter of the Rev. William Kilborne and wife of the Rev. A. Stephenson, A. M., Rector of Foulmire, Cambridgeshire, died, Feb. 23, 1738, aged 52 years.

Epitaph from a flat stone in the same aisle with the above:

"ARMS.—First and fourth, Kilborne as before; second and third, argent a fess and in chief three lozenges sable, for Aston, on an escutcheon of pretence; argent on a chevron gules three trefoils slipped ermine a bordure engrailed sable, for Revell."

"WILLIAM KILBORN, Esq., son of Robert Kilborn, D. D., died without issue, March 30 1769, aged 40 years."

"Mrs. ANN KILBORN, widow of William Kilborn, Esq., and daughter of John Revell, of Shingay, in Cambridgeshire, Gent., died, May 23, 1771, aged 41."*

A. D. 1667.—EDWARD KILBORNE, of Ely, Potter. Will dated May 8, 19 Charles II., and proved June 27, 1667. Wife, Jane; sons, John and Joshua; daughter, Katharine.

A. D. 1669.—ANDREW KILBORNE, of Stow Upland. Will dated Sept. 13, 1669. Wife, Sarah, daughter of Thomas Damant. Mother, Anne; sons, Andrew, John, Thomas, Samuel, Robert Simon, Edward and William; daughter, Sarah; speaks of lands in Wethersden.

A. D. 1673.—SARAH KILBORNE, of Stow Upland. Will dated Aug. 16. Sons, Robert, William, Andrew, Samuel, Thomas, Simon and Edward; daughter, Sarah, wife of John Webber. Brother, Thomas Dammant.

A. D. 1671.—REV. CHARLES KILBURNE, *A. M.*, graduated at King's College, Cambridge, in 1671, and received the degree of Master of Arts in 1680. He became the Vicar of Holy Cross Church, Canterbury, Oct. 9, 1679; was also Vicar and afterwards Rector of St. Peter's Church, Canterbury. He died, January 14, 1737. Hasted, in his History of the County of Kent, (England,) vol. x, p. 266, says—"In the Middle chancel of St. Peter's Church, is a memorial for *Lewis Kilburne*, son of the Rev. Charles Kilburne, the Rector, who died in 1704, aged 17."

A. D. 1685.—The name of ISAAC KILBURNE, Burgess, of Huntingdon, is signed to the election certificate of Sidney Wortley, and Lionel Walden, A. D. 1680; also to that of Oliver Montague and Lionel Walden, Kt., A. D. 1685; and to that of Sidney Wortley and Richard Montague, A. D. 1689—all of whom were returned to Parliament for Huntingdon, at the dates affixed to their names.

* In Cole's MSS. in the British Museum, I found the following: "Thomas Revell, M. P. for Dover, died in 1752, and was buried in Leatherhead, Surry, leaving £120,000 to an only daughter. It is thought she is to be married to the Duke of Bridgewater, her cousin. In case his daughter dies unmarried he bequeaths all his wealth to the Hon. Mr. Pelham. His brother, Russell Revell, Esq., died without issue, leaving £40,000 to his cousin, one Mr. Gray, a Quaker, of Godmanchester, though he had much nearer relatives to heir it—especially the daughter of a younger brother who left £2000 to his daughter, who, it is said, is to be married to Mr. Kilborne, of Walden, against the consent of her uncle, which is supposed to be the occasion of his altering his will."

A. D. 1688.—" A Funeral Sermon preached at Deptford, [Co. of Kent, Eng.,] upon the occasion of the death of Mrs. ELIZABETH KILBURN, late wife of Mr. *John Kilburn.* By Henry Goodman, minister of the Gospel" 4to, pp. 40.

[A. D. 1696.—The Laird of *Kelburne* and the Laird of *Kilburnie* were both members of the Parliament of Scotland about 1696.]

A. D. 1701–1730.—ROBERT KILBORN, *LL.D.*, and *S. S.*, (son of William, *A. M.*, of Saffron Walden,) was born, March 9, 1701; graduated at Cambridge University in 1720; received the degree of Master of Arts in 1724, and the degree of Doctor of Laws in 1728. He was a Prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Rector of St. Mary Aldermary, London, and succeeded Bishop Hare as Rector of Barnes, in Surry, September, 1727. His Accession Sermon, his sermon at the Consecration of Bishop Hare, in 1727,* and his sermon at the Anniversary Meeting of the Sons of the Clergy, in 1728, were published. The Rev. Samuel Baker, D. D., succeeded him as Rector of Barnes. Dr. Kilborn died, Nov. 12, 1730, at the early age of 29 years and six months.

[A. D. 1703.—Lord KELBURNE.—David Boyle was created Earl of Glasgow and *Lord Kelburne*, by Queen Anne, in 1703, and the latter still continues to be the second title of the Earls of Glasgow. Lord Kelburne (the 4th,) who died in Edinburgh, July 6, 1843, was one of the most eminent men in Scotland. In addition to his hereditary honors and titles, he was Deputy Governor of the Bank of Scotland, Colonel of the Renfrew Volunteers, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Ayr, Lord Justice Clerk of Scotland, and was several times elected to represent the peerage of Scotland in the British House of Lords. In the list of members of Parliament in the London "Gentleman's Magazine" for June, 1839, is—" Ayr County—*Viscount Kilburne*;" and is so spelled in the Index.†]

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* A copy of this sermon is in the Library of Harvard College. The following is a copy of the title-page:—" Sermon preached at Lambeth Chapel, [London,] at the consecration of the Right Rev. Father in God, Francis, Lord Bishop of St. Asaph, on Sunday, Dec. 17, 1727. By Robert Kilborn, A. M., Prebendary of St. Paul's. Published at the command of His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury. London, 1728." Text—Matt. ii, 7. 34 pp., 8vo.

† The following are also from the "Gentleman's Magazine:—

"*Died*—March 5, 1818, at Tunbridge Wells, *John Viscount Kelburne*, eldest son of the Earl of Glasgow, aged 28."

"*Married*—August 4, 1824, the *Right Hon. Viscount Kelburne* to Miss Hay MacKenzie, daughter of the late Edward Hay Mackenzie, Esq., of Newale and Cromarty."

The title is often spelled *Kilburn*, *Kilborn* and *Kelburn*. The present Lord Kelburne has a seat in the House of Lords as Baron Ross (1815) in the peerage of the United Kingdom. He is Lord Lieutenant and Sheriff Principal of Renfrewshire. His Ayrshire residence is called *Kelburne Castle*.

A. D. 1702.—THOMAS KYLBORNE was a Burgess of the Borough of Huntingdon.

A. D. 1723.—At the trial of Francis, Lord Bishop of Rochester, before the House of Lords, a Mrs. KILBURNE was a witness for the Bishop.

A. D. 1741.—In the list of Freeholders who voted for members of Parliament in the County of York, this year, were—Richard Kilburne, of Brampton on Swale; John Killburn, of Hunslet; William Kilburn, of Leeds.

A. D. 1744.—"Mr. LAUNCELOT KILBOURN, Purveyor of His Majesty's stores at Gibraltar," died—and was succeeded by Mr. George Phillipson.—[Vide "List of Promotions" in the Lond. Gent's. Magazine for 1744.

A. D. 1748. —— KILBORN, a bookseller and publisher in London. —[See London Gent's. Magazine for May, 1748—p. 240.

A. D. 1749.—"*Married*—In London, Mr. THOMAS KILBURN, broker in St. John street, and Organist in St. James', Clerkenwell, to Miss Sarah Willett, of Wood Close." On page 87 of the same volume of the "London Magazine" which contains this marriage, is published "*The Recovery*—a new song set to music by Mr. *Kilburn*."

A. D. 1760.—Rev. EBENEZER KELBURN, was a Presbyterian Clergyman in Dublin.

[A. D. 1761.—"L. KILBRONN.—Who this gentleman was, I know not, but presume he was from England. He painted portraits in New York in 1761, although I place him later, as supposing he may have continued to 1772. In the family mansion of James Beekman, Esq., among many portraits of his ancestors, are two by *L. Kilbronn*, dated 1761, half-length size of life—one of Dr. William Beekman, a graduate of Leyden, and practiced physic in New York; the other of his wife. The Doctor's head is well painted, full of nature, the colors skillfully arranged, and the picture in good preservation; the other has merit, but is not so good. All the hands are bad. I owe the discovery of this artist to my friend, Dr. Francis."—*Dunlap's Hist. of Arts of Design.*]

A. D. 1770.—SAMUEL KILBURN, Gent., of Dublin, distinguished as an architect and builder, was appointed "King's Carpenter" by George III. He died in Dublin in 1770.

A. D. 1776.—A. KILBURN, printer, Dublin. The "Gentleman's Magazine" for this year contains a notice of a work entitled, "Theological Doubts; or an Enquiry into the Divine Institution of the Priestly Office. By a Layman. Dublin. Printed by *A. Kilburn*."

A. D. 1788.—WILLIAM KILBOURN, died at Belton, county of Rutland, England, in 1788, aged 70—leaving 89 children and grandchildren; and three days after, THOMAS KILBOURN, aged 84.

A. D. 1802.—Rev. SINCLAIR KELBURN, *A. B.*, (son of Rev. Ebenzer K.,) graduated at the University of Edinburgh, and for twenty-two years was pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church in Belfast, Ireland. He was the author of a Treatise on Theology, and of "The Christian's Family and Pocket Companion." The London Monthly Review (vol. vi, p. 478,) contains a notice of an ordination sermon preached by him at New Townards in 1790, entitled—"The Duty of Preaching the Gospel Explained and Recommended." The Review call it "a plain, serious and orthodox discourse, suited to the occasion on which it was delivered." A Republican in principle, Mr. Kelburn became a leader of the United Irishmen, and during the suspension of the habeas corpus Act in 1798, he was arrested at Belfast by order of Government, and imprisoned in Kilmainham Goal where, from long confinement, he lost the use his limbs, and died soon after his liberation—March 31, 1802, aged 48 years.

In the burial ground at Castlereagh, about three miles from Belfast, a chaste and appropriate monument has been erected over his ashes, by his relict, containing the following inscription:—

"Here rest, in hope of a resurrection
to Eternal Life, all that is earthly
of the late Rev. SINCLAIR KELBURN, who,
for 22 years, with much propriety and
utility, sustained the character of Dissenting Minister
of the 3d Congregation, Belfast.
Obit. 31st March, 1802, aged 48 years.

A. D. 1807.—"The Poll for the Knights of the Shire, begun on May 20, and closed June 5, 1807—taken at the Castle of York. The candidates were William Wilberforce, Esq., and the Right Hon. Charles William Wentworth Fitzwilliam." Among the freeholders who voted were—John Kilburn, Horbury; John Kilburn, Whiteley; Kennard Kilburn, Burton; Henry Kilburn, Jr., Aldbrough; Gibson Kilburne, Hipswell; Henry Kilburne, Hudswell; Christopher Kilburn, Skelton.

A. D. 1810.—JOHN KILBOURN, a mill-wright, died at North Kilworth, county of Leicester in 1810.

A. D. 1822.—KENARD KILBURN & SONS, Burton in Lonsdale, Yorkshire, drapers, grocers, iron-mongers, rope and twine manufacturers, and tallow-chandlers.

A. D. 1822.—WILLIAM KILBURN, mill-wright, Holbeck, borough of Leeds, Yorkshire.

A. D. 1822.—STEPHEN KILBURN, Boarding-house keeper, Fingal, Yorkshire.

A. D. 1822.—WILLIAM KILBURN, School-master, Crathorne, near Yarm, Yorkshire.

A. D. 1822.—DANIEL KILBURN, wheelwright, Dewsbury Moor, Yorkshire.

A. D. 1822.—WILLIAM KILBURN, Spink Wells, Dewsbury, Yorkshire—Machine maker; Shuttle and Loom maker; Brussels Bowls and Lingoes maker; Woollen and Cotton Bobbins; Clocks repaired; Inventor and manufacturer of the new sliding-table for making Carpets, &c.*

A. D. 1855.—GOODWIN KILBURNE, Principal of Tudor Hall Academy, Hawkhurst, county of Kent.

[FROM THE PARISH REGISTER OF ST. MARY AND ST. BENEDICT—HUNTINGDON, ENGLAND.]

"Thomas Kilburne, Gent., was buryed the third day of October, 1620.

Thomas Tomson, a servant of Mr. William Kilburne, was buryed the 8th of June, 1625.

Margaret, the wife of Mr. William Kilburne, was buryed in the channcell the xxiiijth of September, A. D. 1626.

William Kilburne, sonn of William Kilburne, was baptized the 20th day of October, 1628.

Isaac, the son of Thomas Kilburne, was baptized the 30th of November, 1629.

William Kilburn, the son of Thomas Kilburn, and Ann, his wife was buried the xiiith of April, 1639.

Susan Forgham, servant to Mr. William Kilburne, was buried the xxth of November, 1641.

Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Ann Kilburn, was baptized the 1st day of October, 1643.

Jane, the daughter of Thomas and Ann Kilburne, was baptized the 6th day of January, 1645.

Anne, daughter of Isaac and Jane Kilburne, was born the 7th and was baptized the 22d of December, 1659.

Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac Kilburne, was baptized the xviith of December, 1661.

Thomas, son of Isaac and Jane Kilburne, was baptized the xvth of December, 1663.

Rebecca, daughter of Isaac and Mary Kilburne, was baptized the 23d of January, 1665.

Jane, daughter of Isaac Kilburne, baptized, January 31, 1667.

Isaac, son of Isaac Kilburne, baptized, November 13, 1671.

Jane, daughter of Isaac Kilburne, buried, Feb. 27, 1674.

Ann Kilnborn, was buried Nov. 27, 1680.

* The men of enterprise in Yorkshire are said to be famous for the *variety* of their occupations. Probably, however, few persons excel our namesake in this respect.

These half-doxen Yorkshire items (bearing date 1822,) are copied from the "History, Directory and Gazetteer," of that County, published that year.

Isaac, son of Thomas Kilnbourne, baptized, May 4, 1687.
Isaac, son of Thomas Kilborne, buried, May 4, 1687.
Mary, daughter of Thomas Kilburne, buried, Feb. 14, 1687.
Isaac, son of Thomas Kilburne and Ann, his wife, was baptized, September 2, 1688.
Francis Kittleby and Mary Kilburne, married, April 29, 1688.
The wife of Thomas Kilburne, buried, April 6, 1690.
John Scotchbrook and Anna Kilburne, married, Dec. 13, 1699.
Isaac Kilburne died, Sept. 15, 1701.
Jane Kilburne, widow, died, Sept. 9, 1703.
Thomas Kilburne, buried, July 18, 1711."

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*Extracts from the Register Books of Baptisms belonging to the Parish of Louth in the County of Lincoln.*

[COMMUNICATED BY THE REV. EDWARD REGINALD MANTELL—JAN., 1856.]

1580 August, Willm. the sonne of Guy Kilborne, bapt. ye xxviii day.
1582 October, Roger ye soon of Guy Kilborne bapt. ye x day.
1592 February, Anne ye doughter of Gyee Kylborne was baptized ye iiii day.
1599 Maye, Francis ye daughter of Gyee Kelborne was baptized xvi day.
1600 March, John the sonne of Guy Kelborne was baptized 9 March.
1605 Aprill, Richard the sonne of Gyee Kylborne weaver bapt ye. xxviii day.
1608 November, Madlainge the doughter of Willm. Kilborne was bapt ye vii day.
1609 September, Charles the sonne of Gyee Kylborne baptized second day of September.
1610 September, John Kilburne the sonne of Willm. baptized ye ii day.
1612 Aprill, Elizabethe ye doughter of Willm. Kilburne weaver baptized ye firste day.
1613 September, Marten ye sonne of Roger Kilborn weaver baptized v daye.
1614 November, Willm. ye sonne of Willm. Kilborn wheaver bapt. ye xxiiid.
1616 July, Roger ye sonne of Willm. Kilborn weaver baptized viii day.
1618 Aprill, Martin ye sonne of Willm. Kelborne wever baptz. xix day.
—— October, George ye sonn of Oliver Kilborne was baptized ye vi day.
1620 December, Francis the doughter of William Killborne was baptd. iii.

(Registers wanting until 1685.)

1685 August, Elizabeth ye daughter of Joseph Kelborne and Frances his wife baptized.
1686 June, Charles ye son of Charles Kilborne, and Anne his wife bapt.
—— October, William son of Joseph Kilborne & ffrancis his wife bapt ye xii.
1687 ffebruary, Oliver son of William Killborne & ffrances his wife bapt. ye xxvi.
1688 ——— Will ye son of Charles Kelborne & Ann his wife bapt. 25.
1689 August, John ye son of of Joseph Kilbore & Frances his wife bap. 9.
1717 August, Frances daughter of William Kilborne & Ellin his wife bap. ye 8.
1718 June, John son of John Kilborn and Dorothy his wife bapt. ye 15.
—— August, James son of Willm & Ellen Kelborn bapt. ye 3.
1719 ffebruary, Joseph son of Mr. John & Dorothy Kelborn bapt. ye 17.
1721 Aprill, Francese ye daughter of John Kilburn & Dority his wife bapt. ye 20.
1722 Aprill, Dority ye daughter of John Kilborn & Dority his wife was bapt. ye 10.
—— October, Elizabeth ye daughter of William Kilborn and Eleanor, his wife bapt. 21.
1723 May, Elizabeth ye Daughter of John Kilborn and dority his wife was bap. 11.

## MARRIAGE REGISTERS.

1579 Octobr, Guy Kelborne et Ann Coventre xxvi die.
1608 Jullii, Willm Kylborne & Jane Deanham mar. the xix daye.
1612 July, Roger Kellborne & Ann Blanchard maried ye xix daye.
1628 July, William Kilborne and Sarah Wardelle the xxxi.
1632 November, Mr. Oliver Kellborn and Magdalin Weste mar. ye xiiii.
1633 May, Thomas Suddabie & Magdalin Kilborn mar. ye xii daye.
1637 July, William Kilborne and Anne Johnsonn maryed iiii.
1638 August, Chearlls Killborne and Judith Cooke maryed the xv.

(Registers wanting from 1645 to 1685.)

1690 February, Thomas Biggall & Jane Killborne married the 19.
1694 May, William Waldegrave & Catherine Kilborn married 10.
1708 Aprill, Tho. Killborn & Bettrice Moar were married 26.
1712 Aprill, John White of Withern & Ann Cilborn of Louth mar 30.
1714 Aprill, William Kilbourn & Eleanor Glentworth of Gauthorp were married 16.
1730 July, William Odlin & Eleanor Kilborn marid the 27.
1738 May, Thomas Kilborn and Jane Caborn was marid the 4.

*Extracts from an Old Parish Account Book, of the Churchwardens of Louth, in the possession of the* Rev. E. R. Mantell, *Vicar of Louth*, 1856.

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| 1628 | Willm. Kilborne, | Overseer of ye Highways. |
| 1629 | William Kilborne, | Churchwarden. |
| 1635 | Rich. Kilburne, | Sidesman. |
| 1636 | Will Kilborne, | Churchwarden. |
| 1637 | Willm. Kilborne, | Overseer of ye Highways. |
| 1638 | Richd. Kilborne, | Overseer of ye Highways. |
| 1639 | William Kilborne, | Churchwarden. |
| —— | Charles Kilborne, | Overseer of the Poor. |
| 1641 | Richard Kilborne, | Overseer of the Poor. |
| 1649 | Mr. William Kilborne, | Churchwarden. |
| 1652 | Charles Kilborne, | Overseer of the Highway. |
| 1653 | William Kilbarne, Junr., | Overseer of the Poor. |
| —— | William Kilborne, | Overseer of the Highways. |
| 1655 | William Kilborne ye younger, | Sidesman. |
| 1658 | William Kilborne, | Churchwarden. |
| 1661 | Charles Kilborne, | Overseer of the Poor. |
| 1666 | Will. Kilborne, Jr., son of Old Will. Kilborne, | Churchwarden. |
| 1667 | John Kilborne, | Overseer of Highways. |
| 1670 | Abraham Kilborne, | Churchwarden. |
| 1674 | Joseph Kilborn, | Churchwarden. |
| 1677 | Will. Kilborn, | Churchwarden. |
| 1680 | Will. Kilborn, | Overseer of the Highways. |
| 1688 | Will. Kilborn, | Overseer of the Highways. |
| 1705 | Joseph Kilborn, | Churchwarden. |
| 1718 | John Kilborn Junr., | Sidesman. |
| 1719 | Mr. John Kilborn, | Churchwarden. |
| 1723 | John Kilborn, | Churchwarden. |
| 1729 | Mr. John Kilborn, | Overseer. |
| 1730 | Mr. John Kilborn, | Sidesman. |
| 1732 | Mr. John Kilborn | Churchwarden chosen by the Minister. |

In 1663 Oliver Kilborne, Esq., appears as Warden (or Chief Magistrate) of the Town of Louth, and Trustee of the Grammar School of King Edward VI.

*Extracts from the Register Books of Burials belonging to the Parish of Louth in the County of Lincoln.*

[COMMUNICATED BY THE REV. EDWARD REGINALD MANTELL, OF LOUTH.]

1586 Aprill, Ann ye wief of Guy Kilborne was buried xxi daye.
1599 Maye, ffrancis the daughter of Gyee Kylborne weaver buried xvii day.
1602 November, John the sonne of Gyee Kylborne was buried ye xxiii day.
1601 July, Peter Kilburn sonne of Willm Kilburn was buried ye third day.
1617 September, Roger ye sonn of William Kilbourne weaver buried ii day.
1619 May, George the sonn of Oliver Killbourne was buried the xxx day.
1630 September, John the son of William Kilborne Buried. xxii.
1631 Maye, Martin ye son of William Kilborn was buryed ye xx daye.
John ye son of William Kilborn was buryed xxi.
Elizabeth ye daughter of William Kilborn buried ye xxxi daye.
June, William was Buryed the ii daye.
July, Frances Doughter of Widow Killborne, Junr., ye xxxi daye.
September, Susann ye wyfe of Mr. Oliver Killborne Assistant Buryed xiii daye.
1634 November, Sara the daughter of Mr. Oliver Killborne was buryed ye xv daye.
1640 Aug., Sara the doughter of William Killborne was buryed ye xii daye.
1642 September, Richard Killborne was buryed the iiii.
—— November, Elizabeth the Doughter of William Killborn was buryed ye xi.
1643 September, John the sonne of William Kilborne was Buryed the ix.
—— November, ffrancis the sonn of Richard Kilborne was Buryed the vi.
1644 June, Barbarry Kilborne Widow was Buryed the xxx.
—— February, John the Son of Oliver Kilborne Gent. one of the Six Assistants was Buryed the xxi daye.
1647 Aprill, Ann the wyfe of William Kilborne was Buryed the viii.
1649 July, Mary the Daughter of Willm Kilborne Senior was Buryed the xxix daye.
—— September, Judith the Daughter of Charles Kilborne was Buryed the xiii.
—— January, Samuell the Sonne of Willm Kilborne senior was buried viii.
1650 November, Margaret the Doughter of Willm Kilborne was buried the xxvi.
—— January, Mr. Oliver Kilborne, Assistant was buried the xiii.

(Registers wanting from 1653 to 1660.)

1660 ffebruary, Maria doughter of Charles Kilborne was buried ye ix.
—— August, ffaith ye wife of Richard Kilbourn buried iii.
1664 May, Oliver the son of Charles Kilborn buried xxix.
1666 January, Willm Kilborne Buried ii.
1668 Aprill, John the son of Charles Kilborne bur. xx.
1670 September, Sarah Kilborne widdow bur. xvii.
—— ——— Richard son of Guido Kilbourne bur. xxiii.
1673 February Guy Kilborne buried iii.
1676 January, Susanna daughter of Guy Kilborne Buried iiii.
—— ——— Joseph son of William Kilborn Buried viii.
1678 November, Ann daughter of William Kilborne buried the iii.
1679 August, Mrs. Magdalene Kilborne buried the xi .
—— February, Mary Daughter of Charles Kilbourne Buryed xxvii.
1680 Aprill, Richard the son of William Kilborne Buryed xxii.
—— July, Charles Kilborne the Father of Mr. Thomas Kilborne buried x.
1681 May, Susanna the Wife of William Kilborne buried the xxiii.
1682 June, Ann the Daughter of Guy Kilborne buried the xiii.
—— February, Mary the Daughter of William Kilborne buried the xi.
1685 June, Mr. Thomas Kilborne buried ye xi.

1686 October, William ye son of Joseph Kilborne buried ye xv.
1687 March, Oliver son of William Kilborne buried ye ix.
1688 September, Elizabeth ye daughter of Joseph Kilborne buried ye ix.
—— February, Joseph ye son of Joseph Kilborne buried ye xxi.
1690 June, Frances the wife of Joseph Kilborne buried ye xi.
1691 February, Judith Kilborne buried 6.
1692 May, Charles Kilborne buried 9.
—— November, Elizabeth Kilborne buried 26.
—— January, Judith Kilburn buried 3.
1709 May, Anne Kilborn widow was buried 1.
1715 February, Anne Daughter of William Kilborne ye 20.
1718 December, James a child of William Kilborn ye 4.
1720 May, William Kilborne buried ye 4.
1721 Aprill, Francese ye Daughter of John Kilborn & Dority his Wife ye 28.
1723 March, Mrs. Kilborn the Elder was buried 2.
1724 March, Francese a Child of William Kilborn & Elianor his Wife buried 17.
1739 June, Thomas Kilborn buried the 15.
—— ——— John Kilborn was buried the 27.

## GENTRY OF MIDDLESEX.

[FROM WATKINS' DIRECTORY FOR 1855.]

Mrs. Kilburn, 2 Pond st., Hampstead.
Benjamin Kilburn, Esq., Southwood Lane, Highgate.
William Kilburn, Esq., 2 Holly Terrace, Highgate.
Henry Kilburn, Esq., 2 Pond st., Hampstead.
Wm. Edward Kilburn, 234 Regent st., London.
Wm. Henry Smith, Esq., Kilburn House.
David Sanford Pickett, Esq., Kilburn Priory.
Charles Chittenden, Esq., St. Georges Road, Kilburn.
William Webster, Esq., Kilburn Lodge.
Rev. John Jay Bolton, Curate, Royston Lodge, Kilburn.
Wm. Royal Grieve, Esq., Waterloo Place, Kilburn.
John Garl, Esq., Paddock's Villa, Kilburn.
Capt. Wm. King George, Kilburn Priory.
John Coverdale, Esq., Oak Lodge, Kilburn.
Wm. Radford, Esq., Kilburn Grove.
Rev. A. F. Thomson, M. A., S. C. L., Head Master of St. John's Foundation School, Greville Mount, Kilburn.

## [NOTES AND NAMES GLEANED FROM VARIOUS DIRECTORIES, PRIVATE SOURCES, &c.]

1787.—Simon Kilbourn, Church Warden at Stanstead, Suffolk Co.
1817.—Thomas Kilburn, Esq., 26 Ely Place, Holborn, London.
1840.—Francis Kilburn, farmer and miller, Vicarage Farm, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire.
" —Thomas Kilbourn, farmer, Isthlingboro', Higham Fens, Norfolk.
" —Robert Kilburn, farmer, Desborough, Kettering, Norfolk.

1840.—F. Kilburn, farmer, Desborough, Kettering, Norfolk.
" —R. Kilburn, proprietor of St. George's Inn, Ashley, Market Harborough, Norfolk.
" —Samuel Kilburn, Sen., butcher, Desborough, Kettering, Norfolk.
" —Samuel Kilburn, Jr., landlord of St. George's Inn, Desborough, Kettering, Norfolk.
" —J. Kilbourn, Gent., Leatherhead, Surry.
1846.—Richard Kilburn, machine maker, 6 Holbeck Lane, Leeds.
1848.—John Kilburn, bonnet maker, 28 St. Peter's st., Leeds.
" —John Kilburn, rag dealer, 136 High st., Leeds.
" —John Kilburn, woollen manufacturer, Earls Heaton, near Dewsbury, Yorkshire.
" —Thomas Kilbourn, linen weaver, Hallaton, Leicestershire.
" —John Kilburn, farmer, Hemington, "
" —Robert Kilburn, farmer, " "
" —Nathaniel Kilburn, farmer, grazer and cattle dealer, Pickwell, Leicestershire.
" —James Kilburn, millwright, North Kilworth, Leicestershire.
" —John Kilburn, farmer, Castle Donnington, "
1846.—G. Kilburn, school master, Hackford, Reapham, Co. Norfolk.
" —W. Kilbourn, smith, Stanstead Bury, "
" —Mrs. E. Kilburn, (Gentry,) Hampstead Road, near London.
" —Mrs. C. Kilburn, (Gentry,) Haverstock Terrace, Hampsted.
1855.—Henry Kilburn, joiner and cabinet-maker, 46 St. Peter's, Leeds.
" —John Kilburn, 8 George st., Leeds.
" —Eliza Kilburn, draper, Stockshill, Leeds.
" —Richard Kilburn, mill-wright, Holbeck-bridge, Leeds.
" —Sarah Kilburn, bonnet maker, 68 Regent st., Leeds.
" —Charles Kilburn, ware grinder and cub-bear manufacturer, Upper Mills, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.
" —Hannah Kilburne, milliner, Westtown, Dewsbury.
" —John Kilburn, iron-founder, machine-maker, &c., Meltham, Yorkshire.
" —William Kilburn, proprietor of "The Fleece Inn," Meltham, Yorkshire.
" —Ann Kilburn, stay-maker, Bridlington, St. John st., York.
" —John Kilbourn, carpenter, 3 Upper Bemerston st., London.
" —Mrs. Ann Kilburn, hosier, 33 St. John st., Edgeware Road, London.
" —William Kilburn, proprietor of The Crown Inn, 24 Red Cross st., London, and Governor of the "Incorporated Society of Licensed Victualers." He is a native of Rutlandshire.

1855.—Charles Killbourn, green grocer, Southampton st., Camberwell, London.

1855.—Wm. E. Kilburn, "Photographer to the Queen and to his Royal Highness, Prince Albert," Regent st., London.

1855.—Richard Kilburn, watch-maker, Bespham st., Liverpool, is a son of Richard Kilburn, who was also a watch-maker, first in London and afterwards in Liverpool. His father, Richard Kilburn, was a native of Yorkshire, but was long the Overseer of the County Alms House at Prescott, eight miles from Liverpool. The last named Richard had also a son John, who was a wealthy merchant in Malta, and who died at Prescott, while on a visit, (some 50 years ago,) leaving a family in Malta. Ann Kilburn, (daughter of Richard and sister of John,) married Mr. Ward, and had an only daughter, Mary Ann, who is now the wife of Thomas Toulmin, Esq., an Alderman of Liverpool.

1850.—Richard Kilburn, M. D., a highly esteemed physician in Liverpool, died there about 1850. He was a native of Hipswell, near Richmond, Yorkshire, and graduated at Dublin. His brother, William Walker Kilburn, long a Druggist and Chemist, No. 6 Pitt st., Liverpool, left that place in 1853, and is said to have gone to Australia.

1855.—George Kilburn, (son of John,) is an officer of the County Prison for the West Riding of Yorkshire, at Wakefield. His sister, Mary Kilburn, married George Freeman, of St. Catharines, Canada West.

1855.—William Kilbourn, Basket-maker, High st., Walsall, Staffordshire.

1855.—Mrs. Ann Kilburn, (Gentry,) Seaton, Uppingham, Rutlandshire, widow of John Kilburn, Gent., whose family sprang from Belton, Co. of Rutland. A correspondent says, "he learns from old persons at Seaton, that Samuel son of John and Dinah Kilburn, baptized 1762, and William, son of the same parents, baptized 1766, left England and went abroad when they had reached manhood."

1855.—James Kilburn, (an extensive manufacturer of Twine and Stone Bottles, and Tallow Chandler,) at Burton, in Lonsdale.

## ENGLISH ITEMS.

☞ The three original "*Nuns of Kilborne*" were Maids of Honor to Matilda, Queen of Henry I.—*Dugdale.*

☞ "An original lease from Emma de Lancto Omero, *Prioress of Kilborne*, to John Graunt, of Everdone, and John Haywoode, of Davantre, is still in private possession."—*Dugdale.*

[LETTER FROM PROF. PEARSON, OF UNION COLLEGE, SCHENECTADY, N. Y.]

UNION COLLEGE, Dec. 20, 1855.

P. K. KILBOURNE, Esq., LITCHFIELD, CONN.:

*Dear Sir*—In accordance with your suggestion, I addressed a letter to Wm. Paver, Esq., some weeks since, and have just received from him an interesting letter, in which he encloses the accompanying scrap for you.*

I find in the London "Athenæum," No. 1459, Oct. 13, '55, p. 1187, an interesting communication relating to Oliver Cromwell, by which it appears that a complaint was made to the Privy Council against him and "*Willyam Kilborne*, Gent.," of Huntingdon. If you have not seen the article, perhaps it will interest you, and afford some facts for your Genealogical Memoir of your family. Yours truly,

JONATHAN PEARSON.

[FROM THE LONDON ATHENÆUM, FOR OCT. 13, 1855.]

## OLIVER CROMWELL AND WILLIAM KILBORNE.

Oliver Cromwell, it will be remembered, was one of the Members for his native town of Huntingdon in the third Parliament of Charles the First. In that Parliament he was one of those who helped forward the Petition of Right, and one of those who also, when the House was suddenly summoned to attend the King for its dissolution, locked the door, and held the Speaker in the chair until they had passed a protest against the conduct of the Court. It was in that Parliament, also, that Cromwell made his speech against Dr. Alabaster's "flat popery," (*plat papisme*, as it is rendered by M. Vilemain,) and against the promotion of Dr. Mainwaring, whose sermons had been condemned by the House of Commons.

* * * The circumstance to which I have now to direct attention has relation to the period in Cromwell's life between 1629 and 1631, which has hitherto been so nearly a blank.

The state of parties at that time was singular. The Government was aggressive, and the popular or country party was consequently conservative. In the affairs of the Church, under the direction of Bishops Neale and Laud, and with the sanction of the King, the clergy were everywhere re-introducing the principles and practices of the ante-Reformation period. In the affairs of the State, taxes unsanctioned by parliamentary grant were levied without scruple, and an arbitrary judicial power unknown to the constitution, was openly exercised at the council-table.

In these measures the authorities were supported by all persons who acted on the principle of upholding the powers that be, and such persons were officially termed "loyal." They were opposed by the advocates of progress—those who maintained the Protestant character of the Church, the illegality of taxes unsanctioned by Parliament, and the supremacy of the Courts of Westminster Hall.

* The scrap referred to, was the Will of *John Kilburn*, Janitor of St. Mary's Abbey, York, which will be found on page 14 of this volume.

In Huntingdon, as elsewhere, this battle—the battle of the age—was vigorously contested. Mr. Barnard was the leader on the one side, and Oliver Cromwell on the other. Cromwell's return to Parliament, in 1628, had been a triumph of the one party,—the obtaining of the new charter was a victory of the other. This charter changed the state of things entirely. Under the old constitution the government of the town was effectually in the hands of the people. * * *

* * * The reception given to the new charter and its close corporation by the disfranchised inhabitants of Huntingdon may be imagined. Of hard words there appear to have been plenty; and hard words against persons in authority were looked upon in those days as a very serious offence. The dignity of Mr. Lionel Walden, the new Mayor, was hurt by the free comments of Mr. Oliver Cromwell and his associates.

* * * The Privy Council was a body to whom the corporate functionaries might safely make an appeal. They did so. A petition was prepared, setting forth "the disgraceful and unseemly speeches used unto them." One of the first uses they made of the new corporate seal was to attach it to a document which evidenced how much the newly-constituted authorities were held in contempt. The persons complained against were "Oliver Cromwell, Esq., and William Kilborne, Gentleman." The latter was probably a lawyer in Huntingdon. "John Kilburn" was one of the burgesses who signed Oliver Cromwell's return to Parliament in 1628, and "Isaac Kilburne" was a party, in 1680, to the return to Parliament of, perhaps, a son of the very Mayor who was now making his complaint. The Kilburnes were evidently a Huntingdon family, and notices of William may, no doubt, be found in the registers and muniments of the borough.

The Lords of the Council gave ready ear to the petition of the Mayor and Aldermen, and, according to the usual custom, a Council-Messenger was despatched with a warrant, directing him to bring up to London the bodies of "Oliver Cromwell, Esquire, and Willyam Kilborne, gentleman."

The warrant was executed. The hand of the bailiff was laid upon the shoulder of the man in whose name within a few years all warrants were to run; and on the 26th of November, 1630, the prisoners made their appearance before the Privy Council. It may be worth while to record the names of the Councillors present:—

At Whytehall, the 26th of November, 1630.
Present:

Lorde Keeper
[Sir Thomas Coventry.]
L. Trer.
[Lord Weston.]
L. Privie Seal
[Earl of Manchester.]
Lo. Chamberl.
[Earl of Pembroke.]
E. of Bridgwtr.
E. of Danby.
E. of Kellie.
Lorde Visc. Wimbledon.
L. Visc. Dorchester.
L. Visc. Falkland.
L. Visc. Grandison.
L. Bp. of London.
[Laud.]
Mr. Trer.
[Sir Thomas Edmonds.]
Mr. Vice Chamb.
[Sir Henry May.]

Mr. Secretarie Coke.

The order made upon the appearance of the culprits stands recorded in the Register Book of the Privy Council as follows:—

26 Novr. 1630.

This day Oliver Crumwell, Esqr., and Willyam Kilborne, Gent., having bene formerly sent for by warrant from the board, tendered their appearances accordingly, wch for their indempnities is entered in the register of Counsell causes. But they are to remain in the custody of the messenger untill they shal be dismissed by their Lpps.

The hearing was fixed for the 1st of December. I will not attempt to delineate the scene which ensued. The "presence" consisted of the chief of the King's advisers; their names are thus enumerated on the register:—

At Whytehall, the first of December, 1630.
Present:

Lo. Keeper
[Sir Thomas Coventry.]
Lo. Trear.
[Lord Weston.]
Lo. President.
Lo. Privie Seale
[Earl of Manchester.]
Ea. Marshall
[Earl of Arundel.]
E. of Danby.
E. of Kelley.
Lo. Visc. Wimbledon.
Lo. Visc. Falkland.
Lo. Bp. of London.
[Laud.]
Lo. Newburgh.
Mr. Trear.
[Sir Thomas Edmonds.]
Mr. Vice Chamberlain.
[Sir Henry May.]
Mr. Sec. Coke.

Analyzation of these names would show with how little wisdom England was attempted to be governed. With the exception of two or three men of average official talent, how small the quantity of real intellect which was congregated here! As a body, how utterly incompetent must such men have been for the task they undertook,—to force back the current of the age, and restore the worn-out absolutism of a previous period!

If we may judge from the account in the Privy Council Register, the hearing was a deliberate one, and it is highly in favor of the propriety and discreetness of Cromwell's conduct that he entirely escaped condemnation. It may also be inferred that, on Cromwell's side, the case was well argued. The result was a reference to arbitration, which is thus entered on the books of the Privy Council:—

1st. Decr. 1630.

Whereas a peticon was presented to the Board by the Major and Aldermen of the towne of Huntingdon, complayning against Mr. Crumwell and William Kilborne, whereupon the parties complayned of were sent for by warrant from the board, And both sides having this day had a long hearing, there appeared much contrariety and difference in the allegacons on each side, Whereupon their lpps. thought fitt and ordered, that the examinacon of the whole businesse should be referred to the Lord Privie Seale, as well touching the charter of said towne, as alsoe that his Ldpp. should, in particular, consider what satisaction were fitt to be given to the said Mayor and Mr. Bernard for the disgracefull and unseemly speeches used unto them, and should settle and end the differences amongst them, if it may bee, or otherwise to make report to the Board how the state of these differences stands, together with his opinion touching the same, that such further course may be taken as shall bee fitt. And whereas there was a peticon read with divers complaints therein made against the said Kilburne and Brookes his man for much oppression to the country, and many great abuses to particular persons, It was likewise ordered that the Lord Privie Seale shall take examinacon thereof and make reporte to the Board what he finds touching the same.

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The Lord Privy Seal, to whom the reference was made, was Henry Montagu. The result of his arbitration does not appear. Any alteration of the charter was probably not attempted. Some slight apology from Kilburne would appease the civic magnates; but under the new charter, Huntingdon was entirely changed. It sank rapidly into the spiritless condition of a rotten borough, in which it continued until the passing of the Reform Act. Within a few months Cromwell sold his property, there, and removed to St. Ives, with such feelings against the constituted authorities as would be engendered by the touch of the bailiff's finger, the payment of his fees, and the being brought as a prisoner before an illegal tribunal, for the offence of uttering a complaint against those who had helped to trick himself and his fellow-burgesses out of their ancient liberties. JOHN BRUCE.

5. Upper Gloucester-street,
Dorset Square, Oct. 8.

## DEATH OF SERGT. JOHN KILBURN.

Several persons were found frozen to death during the severe snow storm in the winter of 1796—among others, one John Kilburn. He was found on the Great North Road between Stilton and Wansford, Dec. 24, 1796. The following obituary notice soon after appeared:

DIED—At a public house at Water-Newton, Huntingdon county, [England,] JOHN KILBURN, a person well known to many gentlemen of the turf as a list-seller and attendant upon the stables at most of the races in the kingdom. He had undergone various vicissitudes in life; had been a horse dealer of some eminence, and in that line traveled into France and other foreign parts. Returning to England poor, he entered into several militias, and was at one time a Serjeant in the Huntingdonshire; but his predeliction for horses and the turf, occasioned him to quit that situation. At a town in Bedfordshire, some years ago, he was, according to the turf-phrase, quite broken down. It was in harvest time, the week before Richmond races, near which place he was born, and to reach there in time he hit upon the following expedient: He applied to a blacksmith of his acquaintance to stamp upon a padlock the words 'Richmond Goal,' which, with a chain, was fixed to one of his legs, and he composedly went into a cornfield to sleep. As he expected, he was soon apprehended and taken before a magistrate, who, after some deliberation, ordered two constables to guard him in a carriage to Richmond, no time being to be lost, Kilburn saying he had not been tried, and hoping they would not let him lay till another assize. The constables, on their arrival at the goal, accosted the keeper with, "Sir, do you know this man?" "Yes, very well—it's Kilburn; I have known him many years." We suppose he has broke out of your goal, as he bears your mark: is he not a prisoner?" "A prisoner! I never heard any harm of him in my life." "Nor," says Kilburn, "have these men, sir; they have been so good as to bring me home out of Bedfordshire, and I will not give them any further trouble; I have got the key of the padlock, and will not trouble them to unlock it. I thank them for their good usage." The distance he thus traveled was 170 miles.—*London Gent's. Mag.*, vol. xxxvi, part 1st, p. 444-5.

[FROM THE LONDON GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE.—1834.]

## SKETCH OF WILLIAM KILBURN, ESQ., ARTIST.

In the Life of William Curtis, the Botanist, published in the Gent's. Mag., Aug. 1799, it is mentioned that "in 1772 he commenced his great work, the 'Flora Londinensis,' having the good fortune to meet with an artist of uncommon talent in Mr. KILBURN." I have seen no memoir of Mr. Kilburn, who has been dead many years; and when a man like him disappears from the world, by whose genius, talents or industry, the arts, sciences or manufactures have been improved, it may not be deemed uninteresting to rescue the incidents of his life from that oblivion in which those of the generality of mankind are buried.

WILLIAM KILBURN was born in Capel-street, Dublin, 1745. His father, Samuel Kelburne, was an architect of some eminence, and married Sarah Johnston of Tyrone. His uncle, Rev. Ebenezer Kelburn, was a Presbyterian clergyman, and reared his only son, Sinclaire Kelburn, to his profession. His son was afterwards a very eloquent and popular preacher, published a Treatise on Theology, and a volume of Sermons; but having unfortunately early imbibed republican principles he became a leader of the United Irishmen, and during the suspension of the habeas corpus Act in 1798, was arrested at Belfast by order of Government, conveyed to Dublin, and imprisoned in Kilmainham Goal, where, from long confinement, he lost the use of his limbs, and died shortly after his liberation.

William Kilburn, the subject of this memoir, was also an only son, and very early exhibited his genius for drawing. This, and the wish to have him in the country, as his health appeared delicate, determined his parents to place him apprentice with Mr. John Lisson, an Englishman, who had established a calico printing factory at Leixslip, near Dublin. Here he quickly learned the different branches of that ingenious art, but attached himself to drawing and engraving—those being more congenial to the bent of his genius. Few lives are more marked than his with unceasing industry and application. During the summer he rose at four, and occupied his leisure hours in drawing patterns for paper stainers, which, with his master's leave, he sold; the produce gave him pocket money, and enabled him to purchase a pony, on which he rode to Dublin on Saturday, and passed every Sunday with his mother and sister. He had acquired an amazing readiness of pencil, so that if a new pattern caught his eye in passing through Dublin, he would take out his pocket book, and have it for his master on his return. He always spoke gratefully of the attention paid him by Mr. and Mrs. Lisson during his apprenticeship, at the expiration of which he found himself alone with his mother and sister. His father, who had speculated largely in building, became embarrassed in his circumstances, and died. Only a small property settled on his mother remained; this probably determined him to visit London, the great mart for genius. Here he obtained a ready sale for his drawings amongst the calico printers. He also drew and en-

graved flowers from nature (in which he ever delighted) for the print shops, and this led to his acquaintance with Mr. Curtis and concern in the Flora Londinensis. When he had entered into this engagement, he returned to Ireland and brought over his mother and sister—took a small house in Page's Walk, Bermondsey, with a garden and greenhouse, and there occupied himself from sunrise to sunset in drawing and engraving the plants for that work which reflects so much credit on English science.

Soon after the completion of the Flora Londinensis, he received a proposal from Mr. Newton to undertake the management of a calico printing factory at Wallington, near London, for which he was to have a share of the profits, without advancing capital. To this he agreed, and they were so successful that at the end of seven years he was enabled to purchase the concern, and became sole proprietor. He now rose rapidly in wealth, and was soon the most eminent calico printer in England, having brought the art to a pitch of perfection never since equalled. He gave the highest wages to his workmen, some of whom came from the continent, and gave annual premiums for the best designs. His pieces of muslin chintz sold for a guinea per yard, and he had the honor of presenting one of them, the sea-weed pattern designed by himself, to her Majesty, Queen Charlotte.

Finding that his patterns were pirated in Manchester, he applied for a Bill, which was brought into the House of Commons by his countryman and neighbor, the Right Hon. Edmund Burke, "to secure to calico printers the copyright of original designs."

Mr. Kilburn married a daughter of Thomas Brown, Esq., an East India Director, a most amiable woman, who survives him, and by whom he had several children. In the relative duties of son and brother, husband and father, his conduct was most exemplary, as a true believing Christian and moral man. Though he had been a delicate child, he enjoyed excellent health until a few months before his death. On the 23d of December, 1818, he calmly resigned his soul to his Maker, in the 73d year of his age. The poor inhabitants of Wallington, by whom he was much lamented, followed him bareheaded to the grave.

Mr. Kilburn was above six feet in height, thin but well proportioned, and perfectly straight to the last. The pencil in his long fingers appeared scarcely to touch the paper when drawing, so much had he acquired of grace and freedom; the flowers he engraved about the time he became acquainted with Mr. Curtis, are now sought for by connoisseurs, being so true to nature.

[The portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Kilburn both adorn the walls of the mansion of their son, William Kilburn, Esq., on Highgate Hill, near London.]

☞ The *Prioress of Kilborne* was the Patron of Ralph Church, Cowdham, Kent, England, A. D. 1377.—*Hasted's Kent.* Vol. II, p. 28.

☞ The Likeness of *Richard Kilburne*, Esq., is published in a volume entitled, "Hawkhurst: a Sketch of its History and Antiquities. London, 1792."

# KILBORNES OF ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

The interesting record found by Judge Savage, relating to the embarkation of Thomas Kilborne, and family for New England, (inserted on pages 33 and 34 of this volume,) met my eye for the first time in the summer of 1843. For a period of more than ten years from that date, I sought in vain for any clue by which to ascertain their place of residence in the father-land. In April, 1854, however, while spending a few hours in the Library of the "New England Historical and Genealogical Society," Boston, I met with a volume entitled, "Wills and Inventories from the Register of the Consistory of Bury St. Edmunds and the Archdeaconry of Sudbury," [England,] which contained, among others, the curious Will of Agatha Borrowdale—of which the following is a synopsis, viz.:

"In the name of God, Amen. The sixteenth daie of October, Anno Domini, 1613, I, Agatha Borrowdale, of Bury St. Edmunds, in the County of Suffolk," &c.

"I give and bequeath unto the poore of Newmarkytt, in the Countie of Cambridge, one annytie or yearly rent of tenne shillings, immediately after my decease, to be issuing and growing out of my tenement in Burie St. Edmunds which I purchased of Edmund Myllasonne, Gent., situate in the Crown Street near Churchgovall street, betweene ye tenement of Sir William Poolye, Knight, and Dame Anna, his wyfe, on the northe, and the common streete called Westgate streete, on the southe, yearly forever to be paid unto the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poore of the said towne for the tyme being, att the ffeast of the Annuntyacion of the Virgine Marie."

Also, another annuity of ten shillings to the Poor of the Parish of St. Mary's in Bury.

Also, another annuity of ten shillings "unto such learned preacher as shal be provyded by the inhabitants of Newmarkytt aforesaid, to preach in ye chappell of the said town." And when there shall be no preacher the sum is "to be paid upon repayringe of the common way leading from Saxon street in Woodedytton in the said county of Cambridge unto the church of Woodedytton aforesaid."

Also, another annuity of ten shillings to the maintenance of the preacher of St. Mary's parish in Bury to be paid into the hands of the Aldermen and Assistants of said town and to their successors forever. All which payments are to be made at the Feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary.

"I give unto my grandchild Susan Myleson my said tenement, with all and singular their appurtenences," and to the heirs of her body forever; and in default of such issue, to her sister Agatha Mileson, and in default of her issue to Borrowdale Myleson; and in default of his issue, to his brother Edmund Mileson to be his during his natural life.

And after the decease of the said Edmund Mileson "I will the same remain and be unto Francis Foulkes, clerk, Robert Lukyn, of Cambridge, Gent., and Robert Lukyn his son, *Thomas Kilborne* of Woodedytton, and *Thomas Kilborne* and *George Kilbourn*, his sonnes, Symon Foulkes of Westlie and Syman Foulkes his sonnes, John Hasell of Bottisham and Richard Hasell his sonne, and to their heirs forever upon trust and confidence that they shall keep the same in repair and shall rent the same at a valuable profit, and make no lease of the same for a longer term than seven years—and shall yearly divide the net profits into five equal parts as before specified.

"My will and mynde is, that at everie seaven yere's ende, the said Francis Foulkes, Robert Lukyn Robert Luken, *Thomas Kilborne*, *Thomas Kilborne*, *George Kilborne*, Symon Foulkes, Symon Foulkes, John Hasell and Richard Hasell, and everie of them which shall then be above the age of one and twentie yeres, shall have for their paines *a ringe of goulde of the price of thirty shillings*, and yerely such reasonable charges as they shall be at in repayreing of the same messuage, and over that for their paynes and travell.

"Also, my will and earnest desire is, that if it shall please God all my said grandchildren do die without issue, that they, my said friends, to whom I have hereby lymited the remainder in trust, as is aforesaid, when the number of them shall be decreased and brought to three or less, that then the surveyors do convey the said tenement in trust and confidence * * * as they will answer when we shall meet at God's Judgement seat."

"To the said Borrowdale Myleson, his great-grandfather's Mr. Richard Borrowdale's seale ring of gould."

To Agatha Myleson, "that £100 which Edmund Myleson standeth bond to paie."

To John Foulkes, son of Roger Foulkes, £6 : 13 : 4, "when he shall reach the age of 21 years, or at such time as he shall be preferred to the Universitie as a scollar or be bound out an apprentice to some good trade of life."

To Agatha Myleson, "all such plate, lynnen, pewter, brasse, bedding, and household stufe as I and the said Edmund long ago did give her by joint deed of gifte."

Agatha Myleson is named as Executrix; "and my well beloved kinsman, Mr. Robert Lukyn, Overseer of my present Will and Testament."

Confident that the Kilbornes named in this Will were identical with those who, a few years later, had emigrated to New England, I soon communicated my discovery to H. G. Somerby, Esq., then in London. That gentleman, with his characteristic zeal and promptness, prosecuted his investigations until he found the very records so long desired and sought for. His letter communicating the result of his researches is as follows:

"LONDON, 49 CAMDEN SQUARE,
CAMDEN ROAD VILLAS, August 4, 1854.

"*Dear Sir*—I searched the Will Offices at Ipswich and Bury St. Edmunds, in Suffolk, according to your request, but could not find the name of Kilborne in either of the Indexes.

"In the Will Office at Bury St. Edmunds, are a number of yearly returns of Parish Registers from the year 1560, but they are far from being regular, and the different Parishes are so mixed together that it is a labor of some magnitude to search through them. In regard to your case, however, my labor was well rewarded, for I found a clue that enabled me to go at once to the village of your ancestors, where I found the Parish Register in good preservation, beginning in the year 1557. Wood Ditton, the place I speak of, is in Cambridgeshire, but in the Archdeaconry of Sudbury, in Suffolk, which accounts for the parish register returns being found at Bury St. Edmunds.

I am pretty well convinced that the family was early of Cambridgeshire, and a search among the Wills of that County, which commence at an early period, would afford much valuable information.

The following is what I found while searching at Bury St. Edmunds:

"BAPTISMS.

(1.) "At Weathersden, Co. Suffolk, Nov. 14, 1605, William, son of William Kilburne.

(2.) 1608, Jan. 3.—Andrew, son of William Kilborne, Clerk.

(3.) At Wood Ditton, Co. Cambridge, Sept. 9, 1621, Frances, daughter of Thomas Kilborne.

(4.) "1624, *Sept.* 29, JOHN, *son of Thomas Kilborne.*

(5.) "At Wethersden, Co. Suffolk, Dec. 27, 1631, Agnes, daughter of Andrew Kilborne; and was buried 15th of March following."

This last return is signed by "William Kilborne, Rector."

(6.) "*Married*—at Wiverstone, Co. Suffolk, Sept. 20, 1630, Andrew Kilborne to Mary Howell alias Smith."

"*Extracts from the Parish Register of Wood Ditton, Co. Cambridge:*

(7.) 1567.—"Edward Kilborne, ye sonne of John Kilborne, was baptized ye xxviij daye of December.

(8.) "1568.—Agatha Kilborne ye daughter of John Kilborne was baptized ye xi of September.

(9.) "1569–70.—Ellen Kilborne ye daughter of John Kilborne was buried ye third daye of Februarie.

(10.) "1572.—*Married*—Roger Borrowdale to Agatha Collen, June 16.

(11.) "1574, Oct. 3.—*Married*—Walter Fisson to Joan Kilborne.

(12.) "1576–7.—The xxij daye of January was baptized Margaret Kilburne the daughter of John Kilburne.

(13.) "1578.—*The* viij *daye of Maye was baptized* THOMAS KILBORNE, *the sonne of John Kilborne.*

(14.) "1579.—The ix daye of June was baptized Andrew Kilbourn, the son of John Kilbourn.

(15.) "1582.—The seconde daye of September was baptized Ane Kilborne the daughter of John Kilborne.

(16.) "1582.—The xxvj daye of December was buried Ane Kilborne the daughter of John Kilborne.

(17.) "1583.—John Kilborne the sonne of John Kilborne was baptized the xxvth day of Julye.

(18.) "1591.—*John Kilborne was buried the* xxx *daye of October.*

(19.) "1592, May 29.—*Married*—Walter Howlett to Anne Kilborne.

(20.) "1607.—Margaret Kylborne, the daughter of Thomas Kilborne and Frances, his wife, was baptized the xxiij daye of September.

(21.) "1609.—*Thomas Kilborne, the sonne of Thomas Kylborne and Frances, his wife, was baptized the* xxx*th daye of November.*

(22.) "1611-12.—*George Kylborne, the sonne of Thomas Kylborne and Frances, his wife, was baptized the* xijth *daye of Februarye.*

(23.) "1614.—Elizabeth Kylborne, the daughter of Thomas Kylborne and Frances, his wife, was baptized the xijth of Maie.

(24.) "1616.—Lydia Kylborne, the daughter of Thomas Kylborne and Frances, his wife, was baptized the xiiijth daye of Julye.

(25.) "1621.—Frances Kilburne, the daughter of Thomas Kilburne, was baptized ivth of Septymb."

The search was continued to 1648.

Very truly, yours, H. G. SOMERBY.

From the above records I infer that the John Kilborne marked "(18.)" was the father of Thomas Kilborne, the emigrant, numbered (13). The children of the latter who embarked in the "Increase," are those numbered (3,) (4,) (20,) (24,) (25,) The entry of baptisms, (as copied by Mr. Somerby,) gives to Thomas and Frances no daughter *Mary* to correspond with the name of the third daughter on board the "Increase;" while of Elizabeth (23,) I have found nothing but the record of her baptism. As she would, if living, have been twenty-one years old at the date of the embarkation of the family in 1635, she may have been previously married and settled in England; or she may have died young.

Thomas Kilborne, numbered (21,) is, as will be seen, named in the Will of Agatha Borrowdale. The only other mention I have found of him is contained in the following extract of a letter from the Hon. James Savage, of Boston, dated Nov. 26, 1847:

"Early this year I received, from the London State Paper Office, transcripts from vols. 372 and 375 of returns to the Privy Council from Ipswich of passengers in two ships—the Elizabeth and the Frances—bound for New England, April 1634, and from Southampton of passengers in the ship Bevis, bound, &c., May 1638. Of course you know, that ships from Ipswich would bring Suffolk passengers—not Devonshire, any more than Norwegians. I throw this in, because one of your correspondents, giving an extract from a family bible, says—'Two brothers came over from Devonshire,' &c. I have furnished you authentic accounts of THOMAS, aged 55, with wife FRANCIS, 50, and five children between 10 and 23 years old, who came from London in 1635. From the only son *then* mentioned you derive descent. But here is the curiosity. My office copy of passengers in the Elizabeth of Ipswich, from Ipswich, April 1634, has '*Thomas Kilborne*, aged 24, and *Elizabeth*, his wife, aged 20.' Conjecture as easily springs up here, as I ever recollect in any case—that this Thomas was the eldest son of Thomas, and was sent away immediately on getting his wife, to look out in the new country proper fields for father, mother, brother and sisters next year. We know from Gov. Winthrop, that the two Ipswich ships had good passage, lost very few cattle and no passengers. If you, then, have any branches of a great family that you could not discover the origin of, here is a chance."

The conjecture of Judge Savage that this Thomas Kilborne was the eldest son of Thomas and Frances, is proved by the foregoing records to

have been correct, and his other suggestion is certainly a plausible one. His subsequent history, however, is lost to us. As no trace of him or of his descendants has been found in this country, may he not have returned to England on the death of his father—which took place four or five years after the above date?

George Kilborne (22,) also mentioned in Agatha Borrowdale's Will, can scarcely be any other than the individual of that name who was at Roxbury, Massachusetts, in 1638, and soon after settled in Rowley, in the same Province. He is the recognized head of the "Rowley Branch" of the Kilborne Family, and the above record *establishes the fact* (previously unknown,) *that George Kilborne of Rowley was a brother of Sergt. John Kilborne, of Wethersfield, Connecticut.* Thomas Kilborne, of Wethersfield, may therefore be regarded as the progenitor of all who bare the name on the Western Continent.

In reply to a letter of enquiry, addressed to the Rector of the Parish of Wood Ditton, the Rev. J. Walker, I received the following letter which, it will be seen, contains several items of special interest. It arrived in Litchfield during my absence in England:

"Wood Ditton, Cambridgeshire, Eng., May 31, 1855.

"*Dear Sir.*—I send you some extracts from a tattered and imperfect book in our Parish Chest. It contains, principally, annual accounts of Rates levied and expended by the Church Wardens, and Overseers of the Poor, in the 17th century; but on a few leaves at the beginning there are memoranda of the annual distribution of Gifts made by charitable individuals to the poor. These annual donors were, Walter Pratt, the Elder, for two gifts of twenty shillings and ten shillings respectively, and John Kilburne a gift of six shillings and eight pence.

"Entry No. 1—(being the first writing in the book as it now exists:)

"1617.—Mem., That the yerle gefte of *John Kilborne* of syxe shillings eyghte pennes was giveyn by the hands of Thomas Ryle and William Bredrake, Church Wardens, the xv daye of Marche, Anno Domini, 1617."

There are similar memoranda nearly every year from the above date to 1629. Then comes the following entry:

"Memorand.—That the yearely gift of sixe shillings eight pence of *John Kilburne* was given by the hands of John Pratt and John Martyn, Church Wardens of Wood Ditton, Anno Domini 1630; by the handes of John Potter and Richard Clarke, Anno Domini 1631: and by the handes of *Thomas Kilburne* and Thomas Pratt, Anno Domini 1632; and by the hands of John Siser and William Pratt, the 23d day of March, Anno Domini, 1633."

There are similar memoranda separately for the years 1635, 1638, and 1639. The two latter I transcribe:

"Memorand.—That the yearely gift of sixe shillings eight pence per annum of John Kilburne, was given by the hands of John Dillamore and John Elsing, Church Wardens, of May, Anno Domini, 1638."

"Memorand.—That the yearly gift of vi shillings viii pence of John Kilburne was given the xiith day of May, 1639."

John, therefore, seems to have remained at Wood Ditton after the departure of the other members of the family.*

The first page of the *accounts* contains the "Rate made for the Church," August the 10th, A. D., 1632. It contains these items, viz.:

"*Thomas Kilborne*, 9 score acres, £1 : 10 : 0.

"*Thomas Kilborne*, for timber, £0 : iv : 0.

"Thomas Kilborne, for slabbs and tymber, 0 : v : 0."

The first of these appears to be a statement of the number of acres occupied by him, and the Rate to be levied on it. The latter two items refer apparently to materials appropriated to his own use, and here accounted for. They were probably remnants after the completion of some repairs executed during his church wardenship this year [1632]; for immediately above, we find—

"Thomas Pratt, for chipps, - - - vs.

"Anthony Collin, for Rubbish, - - - is."

The next page contains an account of a Rate under the 16th of January, 1633, wherein Thomas Kilborne is rated on five score and ten acres only, as follows:

"Thomas Kilborne, 5 score and 10 Acres, - - ixs."

I am, dear sir, faithfully yours, J. WALKER.

In company with my kinsman, heretofore named, I visited Wood Ditton and had the pleasure of going through the very church edifice in which our ancestors were baptized, and where one of them officiated as Church Warden two hundred and twenty-three years ago. The building, I was assured, is between five and six hundred years old—and bids fair, if left undisturbed, to withstand the storms of five hundred years to come! I was disappointed in not meeting with the Rector, who was absent from town. The country around is one of the most fertile and beautiful to be found in England—the surface being rolling, and the scenery rich and varied. The luxuriant hedge-rows, which, in some places, were still in blossom, skirted the Macadamized highways and divided the fields; while the huge and picturesque windmills swayed their long arms on the neighboring hill-tops. The village dwellings and the farm houses have a much more tasteful and home-like appearance than in many other parts of the island, and everything wore an air of rural thrift and comfort. I could not but think how often and how lovingly the thoughts of those pioneers must have reverted to their native land—with what deep emotions they must sometimes have contrasted their wild forest-home on the banks of the Connecticut with the fair scenes to which they had bidden a final farewell! Yet, with the true spirit of that heroic age, they fainted not in the hour of trial and danger; but lived to see "the wilderness and the solitary place" made vocal with the hum of industry and the song of praise.

* Mr. Walker was doubtless not aware that John Kilborne, (the brother of Thomas,) did not come to America at all. John, the *son* of Thomas, was but a lad of ten years at the date of the emigration.—P. K. K.

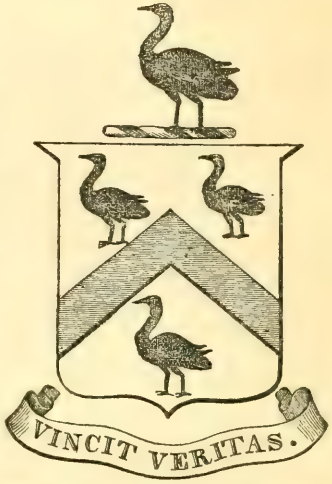
We sought in vain for the precise locality where our fathers had dwelt. No record or traditionary evidence exists, so far as we could learn, indicating the identity of the "9 score acres" occupied and perhaps *owned*, by Thomas Kilborne, in 1632. Our family name has long been extinct in the parish. With mingled feelings of sadness and delight, we trod the same paths and looked upon the very scenes that had been familiar to our ancestors through successive generations previous to the emigration. We went as pilgrims to a shrine, to do homage to the memory of the long departed and the long forgotten!



THE OLD CHURCH AT WOOD DITTON, ENGLAND.

## DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL KILBURN, ESQ., OF DUBLIN.

[I regret my inability to furnish my readers with any information concerning the parentage and more remote ancestry of SAMUEL KILBURN, Esq., a famous architect and builder, who died in Dublin, A. D. 1770. He received from George III. the Patent-appointment of "King's Carpenter." His brother, the Rev. *Ebenezer Kelburn*, was a Presbyterian Clergyman in Dublin; and a nephew, (whom I have noted elsewhere,) who was also a preacher and pastor in Belfast, of the same denomination. As the North of Ireland was mainly settled by the English and Scotch, it seems not improbable that a branch of the Yorkshire family of Kilburns may at some time have found its way to the Emerald Isle, and that the gentlemen named, and their descendants now on the stage, may justly claim a common origin with ourselves. The fact that some of their number formerly spelled the name *Kelburn*, is no argument against such a supposition; for with that orthography it is not unfrequently found in old English records, and is occasionally met with in the United States. The arms of this family are the same (with a slight difference,) with those of the Kent and Lincolnshire Kilburnes.]




Samuel Kilburn had three children, viz.:

### GENERATION II.

(1.) *William Kilburn*, Esq., a sketch of whom I have given on page *45. of this volume.

(2.) *Sarah Susannah Kilburn*, who married, (Sept. 11, 1784,) John Francillon, Esq., Jeweller to the King, &c.

(3.) *Mary Kilburn*, died at the age of 20 years, unmarried.

### GENERATION III.

(1.) CHILDREN OF WILLIAM KILBURN, ESQ.

1. Thomas Kilburn, Esq., m. Catharine Ward, Nov. 11, 1810, and had ten children, viz.—Douglas T., Fanny C., Henry W., Emily S., William E., Charles, Edward D., Frederick, Ellen C. and Arthur. He d., Sept. 30, 1830.

2. Hannah Kilburn, m, Benjamin Clarkson, July 8, 1820. She d. January 12, 1834; Mr. Clarkson d., August 4, 1848. They left no children.

3. Sophia Kilburn, d., Nov. 28, 1841; unmarried.

4. William Kilburn, Esq., merchant, No. 16, St. Mary Axe, London; residence, No. 2 Holly Terrace, Highgate Hill. He is a Director of the "Universal Life Assurance Company," London.

5. Robert Kilburn, d. July 8, 1821.

6. Benjamin Kilburn, Esq., m. Mary Anne Knight, daughter of John Knight, Esq., Secretary of the Bank of England. He is an East India Broker, 16 St. Mary Axe, London; residence, Southwood Lane, Highgate.

(2.) CHILDREN OF JOHN AND SARAH S. K. FRANCILLON.

7. Sarah Ann Francillon, m. Benjamin Hooke, Gent., in 1826; residence, No 53 Bernard st., Russell Square, London. They have one son, Henry Francillon Hooke.

8. Elizabeth Francillon, 2 Holly Terrace, Highgate.

9. Mary Francillon, m. John Heron, of Dublin, in 1816; they have had nine children, viz.—George, (m Melinda Chamney, in 1846, and is a merchant in Liverpool,) John, (d. young,) Sarah Ann, John, William, (d. young,) William Kilburn, Elizabeth, (m. John Labarte,) Mary Grace and Thomas Cunningham.

## GENERATION IV.

1. THOMAS.

1. Douglas Thomas Kilburn, b. August 21, 1811; m. Miss A. M. Patterson, Nov. 19, 1851. A resident of Melbourne, Australia.

2. Fanny Corbett Kilburn, b. July 12, 1813; unmarried; resides at Hempstead, near London.

3. Henry Ward Kilburn, b. July 10, 1815: Assistant Secretary of the Universal Life Assurance Society.

4. Emily Susan Kilburn, b. April 24, 1817; d., Dec. 1821.

5. William Edward Kilburn, b. Nov. 28, 1818; Photographer to the Queen and to His Royal Highness, Prince Albert; resides in Hempstead.

6. Charles Kilburn, b. May 15, 1820; resides at Geelong, Australia.

7. Edward Dunbar Kilburn, b. May 27, 1822; merchant in Calcutta.

8. Frederick Kilburn, b. Sept. 1, 1823; merchant in Calcutta.

9. Ellen Catharine Kilburn, b. Jan. 27, 1827; unmarried; resides in Hempstead.

10. Arthur Kilburn, b. Jan. 16, 1828; d., July 3, 1831.

## PEDIGREE OF THE LORDS KELBURNE, OF SCOTLAND.

[COMPILED FROM CRAWFORD'S HISTORY OF RENFREW, AND BURKE'S HERALDRY.]



The *Boyles of Kelburne* had large possessions in Ayrshire, and flourished with lustre as early as the eleventh century.

Richard Boyle de Kelburne, m. Majory, daughter of Sir Robert Commin, Kt., of Rowallan, and had two sons, Richard and Robert, who swore allegiance to King Edward I., A. D. 1296. The next we find on record is Hugh de Boyle, A. D. 1399.

I. John Boyle de Kelburne, was at least the sixth or seventh generation from the first named Richard. He lost his life at Bannockburn, with King James III, A. D. 1488.

II. John de Kelburne, son of the preceding, m. Agnes, of the family of Ross, and had two sons, John and Robert. His son—

III. John de Kelburne, obtained a charter of the Isle of Cumia. He had two sons, David and John, of Halkshill. [A grandson of the latter m. the heiress of Kelburne, and carried on the line of this family, as will be seen hereafter.]

IV. David de Kelburne, (eldest son of the preceding,) had children. His son—

V. John Boyle of Kelburne, who m. Marion, daughter of Hugh Crawford, of Kilburnie, and had a son, John, and six daughters. He d. about A. D. 1610. His son—

VI. John Boyle, of Kelburne, m. Agnes, daughter of Sir John Maxwell, of Pollock, and had an only daughter, Grizel, who m. her cousin, David Boyle, of Halkshill, a son of David, and grandson of John Boyle, of Halkshill, whose father, John, is numbered III, above. The children of David and Grizel Boyle were—John, James and Patrick.

VII. John Boyle, of Kelburne, (eldest son of David Boyle, of Halkshill, by his wife Grizel,) m. a daughter of Sir Walter Stewart, of Allanton, in Lanarkshire, by whom he had two sons, David and William, and a daughter, who m. Sir Alexander Cunningham, of Corsehill, Bart. He d. in 1685, and was succeeded by his eldest son—

VIII. David Boyle, of Kelburne, who was appointed Deputy Treasurer of Scotland, by Queen Anne, January 2, 1703; and on the 12th of April of that year was created Earl of Glasgow and LORD VISCOUNT KELBURNE in the peerage of Scotland. He was Commissioner of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 1706–1710. He was succeeded by his son—

IX. John Lord Kelburne, who m., July 11, 1755, the Hon. Elizabeth Ross, sister and heir of William Lord Ross. Their children were—John, (who d. young,) George, Elizabeth and Jane. He was succeeded by his son—

X. George Lord Kelburne, F.R.S., and F.A.S., b. March 26, 1766; m. (1st) Lady Augusta Hay, daughter of James, 14th Earl of Errol, in 1788, and (2d) Julia, daughter of the Right Honorable Sir John Sinclair, Bart., in 1824. His children by the first marriage were—John, Isabella, John Carr, Elizabeth, Augusta and William; by second marriage, George Frederick and Diana. He was a distinguished Lawyer and Judge, and was created a Peer of the United Kingdom in 1815, with the title of Baron Ross. He d. in 1843. His eldest son, John, d. without issue in 1818.

XI. John Carr Boyle, (the present and fourth Lord Kelburne,) was b. April 10, 1792; m. Georgiana, daughter of the late Edward Hay Mac-Kenzie, Esq., Aug. 4, 1821. He was formerly a member of Parliament from Ayrshire; and is now the High Sheriff and Lord Lieutenant of Renfrewshire. He has a seat in the House of Lords, as Baron Ross.

## NAMES OF PLACES, &c.

"KILBURN, or Chileburn," (in Yorkshire,) says Mr. Gill, "derives its name from *chill* or cele, the cold, and *bourne*, or burn, a brook or torrent, or a town situated upon brooks. It lies at the foot of Roulston rock, and receives the cold blasts from Blakehow, as they sweep over the Happy Valley and along the sequestered dell. One part of the village stands upon an eminence and is called High Kilburn; the other, which constitutes the principal part of the town, Low Kilburn. The parish includes the hamlet of Hode Grange, and the townships of Oldstead, Wass and Thorpe-le-Willows." * * This romantic and picturesque village is watered by a fine stream, abounding with trout, which dashes along the sequestered dell, fed by the tributary streams of the Happy Valley, and finds its way to the place where stood the ancient mills of Willaden and Baxby, from whence it glides peacefully along to join the 'sacred river' Swale, at Elmer. The locality and circumstances connected with Kilburn and its heathen worship and traditions, might have inspired the noble rhapsody of "Khubla Khan:"

> "A savage place! as holy and enchanted
> As e'er beneath a waning moon was haunted."

The scenery is romantic and beautiful, and well worth the inspection of the lovers of nature. The hills are dotted with trees, and

> "A various sylvan scene
> Appears around, and groves of living green,
> Where blooming meads with flowers are crowned,
> And growing violets throw their odors round."

"The villagers live securely and snugly in their mountain fastnesses. The alarms of war or invasion they little dread. Agriculture is the staple produce, and the land in general is of a fertile character."

The Church of Kilburn is a venerable edifice, entered through a richly adorned Norman arch. Over the chancel are the figures "1650," but it is supposed that the body of the edifice at least is much older than that date would indicate. From flat stones in the chancel, I copied the following inscriptions, viz.:

"Here lieth the Body of CHRISTOPHER BAYNES, who died the 15th day of April in the year of our Lord 1696, in the 62 yere of his age."

"Here lieth the body of WILLIAM BAYNES, Esq., who departed this life the 24th day of January, in the yere of our Lord 1731, in the 71st yere of his age."

"Here lye the Remains of RICHARD BROWNE, late Curate of this Parish, who died much lamented, Feb. 13th, 1721, aged 27."

On panels in the church walls are several inscriptions relating to bequests made to the Parish for benevolent purposes, one of which is as follows:—

"Ann Berry, by her Will dated Oct. 1, 1768, gave and bequeathed to the Minister and Church Wardens of Kilburn forever, the sum of £10, the interest of which money her will and mind is to be applied to the putting out of one poor girl in High Kilburn, in every year, to read, write and knit."

Among others are the following, viz., Robert Duck (Will dated 1799,) gives £50 to the Minister, Church Wardens and Overseers of the Poor, upon trust, "the interest to be applied yearly towards educating four poor children of the township of Kilburn;" £10 from James Coales (1851,) the interest to be applied "towards the education of one poor boy belonging to said township, in the School at Kilburn;" £20 from Lady Ayscough; "two closes situated in Sowerby, near Thirsk," from William Baynes, Esq., and Kitchingham, Esq., &c.

From tombstones near the Church:—

"Erected to the memory of WILLIAM ESHELBY, of Kilburn Park, who died, April 11, 1839, aged 73 years."

"Erected in memory of JANE, wife of George Burton, of Byland Abbey, late of Kilburn, who departed this life June 28, 1840, aged 69."

"*Osgodby Hall*," a fine old mansion about two miles from the Church, and within the Manor of Kilburn, was once the residence of the Wyvills, Knights of Slingsby Hall, a very ancient family, who possessed large estates in the neighborhood. The domain before the Conquest, (as I am

informed by Mr. Gill,) was occupied by a Danish settlement; and the name is derived from *Os-god*, a pagan deity, which was there worshipped.

From the western border of *Kilburn Park* rises a gentle slope, on which, embowered in trees, stands "Thirkleby Hall," the ancient and noble seat of the Frankland family. Sir Charles Henry Frankland, of Thirkleby, was for many years Collector of His Majesty's Customs at Boston, Massachusetts, where he married Miss Agnes Brown, who, from her elegant seat in Boston, witnessed the battle of Bunker Hill. He was also Consul General at Portugal, and was buried for an hour under the ruins in the great earthquake at Lisbon. Sir Thomas Frankland, Bart., who died in 1784, was Admiral of the White, and member of Parliament; his wife was Sarah Rhett, daughter of William Rhett, Esq., of South Carolina. The late Sir Robert Frankland assumed the name of Russell in 1836, on succeeding to the estates of Sir Robert Greenhill Russell, and died at Thirkleby Hall in 1839, while High Sheriff of Yorkshire. The seat of Lord Downe is also in Thirkleby, overlooking Kilburn Park. The Thirkleby Church was erected recently by Lady Frankland Russell, (on the site of one quite ancient,) as a suitable monument to the memory of her late husband. A stone at the west end of the edifice commemorates "Judith, daughter of John Burgoyne, and wife of William Ayscouth, Esq., of Osgodby," 1688.*

In a record of the "Sales of Bishop's Lands," from 1647 to 1650, (published in 1834,) I find that parts of the "Manor of Kilburn, in Yorkshire," were purchased by Robert Bell, Lord Fairfax, Samuel Belsee and John Pickersgill; that Thomas Richardson purchased the Manor House; and that certain leased lands, "parcel of the *Lordship of Kilburne*," were purchased by Valentine Manly.

The present Rector of Kilburn is the Rev. Thomas Barker, A. M.; the Curate, the Rev. M. Welburn, A. M.

The oldest entry in the Parish Records is as follows: "Jeremy Merkendale de Kilburne, the sonne of James Merkendale, of Kilburne, was baptized the xxix day of December, A. D. 1594."

Among the distinguished characters connected with the village of Kilburn, I may name *John Bramhall*, who, in his early manhood was long the master of the School in this place, but became one of the King's High Commissioners, Bishop of Londonderry, and Archbishop of Armagh, and died in 1663; Sir *John Harte*, a distinguished citizen of London, and son of the Lord Mayor, (A. D. 1589,) spent much of his childhood and youth here. The learned *Robert Pierson*, Archdeacon of Cleveland, was Curate of Kilburn, in the early part of his ministry. *Joseph Agar*, Esq.,

* Wiliam Ayscouth, Esq., of Osgodby Hall, was a Justice of the Peace for the County of York, in 1654.

a wealthy and famous citizen of York, was born at Kilburn, in 1761, and died in York in 1847.

Thomas Gill, Esq., of Easingwold, writes me under date of June 16, 1855—

"I have not, in my researches, found anything relating to the family name of Kilburn. Your ancestors no doubt received it in the usual manner in which surnames were acquired, viz., first, *John de Kilburn* or John of Kilburn, and then *John Kilburn.* I have examined the original charters of Byland Abbey, and of Newburgh Priory (1130 to 1150,) and find frequent reference to one "*Robertus de Davidville dominum de Kilburne.*" This Robert was seneschal to Roger de Mowbray at Hode Castle, and he appears to have acquired certain lands in Kilburn, some of which he appropriated to Byland Abbey. Hode Grange, where the castle stood, and also the priory, is in the parish of Kilburn, one mile north east of the village. Hood Hill is about the same distance, so is Roulston Scar; in fact they overhang the village, and seem to look down upon it. Gormire, a small lake, and Whitestone cliff, in the immediate vicinity, are places of resort for pic-nics. I have seen engravings of Hode Priory, but do not recollect where at present.

"Oldstead is a small township of about 1000 acres and about 100 inhabitants. It contains an old fashioned Hall, called Oldstead Hall, occupied by T. Wormald, Esq. Wass is a small village, with 800 acres of land and 100 inhabitants. It belongs to Martin Stapylton, Esq. Thorpe-le-Willows is a small township, with 400 acres of land and 30 inhabitants. These all belong to the parish of Kilburn.

"As I am frequently examining old records, should I find anything relating to your family, I will inform you of it. If I can be of any service to you, I shall be ready most willingly and cheerfully to render it. I may just mention that last summer, between Easingwold and Kilburn, I discovered a beautiful Roman tessellated pavement, with the foundations of a Roman villa. I supplied a Paper on the subject, which was read before the Society of Antiquaries, with drawings. The drawings are being lithographed, and, with the account, will be published in the Society's volume for the present year. The pavement was found in a farm yard, and is a most magnificent piece of workmanship—far superior to any in the York Museum."

William Paver, Esq., of York, (to whom I am indebted for several interesting items relating to the Kilburnes of that County,) writes—

"Though Kilburn gave the name and probably, for centuries, a residence to your family, yet I am very much inclined to believe that the vicinity of Richmond is the locality from which you sprung; as the name was there at a very early period, and still exists there. It unfortunately happens

that at Richmond, where the Wills for that part of the county would be deposited, no documents are indexed before the reign of Charles II."

At the date of the Domesday Survey (A. D. 1080,) a part of the lands of Kilburn were owned and cultivated by Archil, a Dane, who was Lord of the adjacent Manor of Tormorbi, and by Hugo, son of Baldric the Norman. The Lords de Stuteville here held lands in 1095, at which date they were confiscated and given to Nigil de Albini, from whom they came to Roger de Mowbray, the second Baron of that name. Among the objects of interest now standing in the immediate vicinity of Kilburn, may be named, Newburgh Priory, the seat of Sir George Wombwell; Helmsley Castle, which was besieged and captured by Lord Fairfax, during the civil wars; and Shandy Hall, once the residence of the facetious Laurence Sterne, where he wrote "Tristram Shandy."

Kilburn Field, Kilburn Wood, Kilburn Beck, Kilburn Common, &c., are localities referred to on the parish records. The number of acres in the township is 3670; population, 837. Distant from Thirsk, seven miles; from Easingwold, seven miles; from London, 224 miles by coach road.

"KILBOURNE* or KILBURN, (Middlesex,) England, a hamlet in the Parish of St. John's, Hampstead, three miles from Hyde Park Corner, London. The village, which is one of the most retired and agreeable places in the vicinity of the metropolis, is principally occupied by genteel families, and by cottagers, who are in some way or other engaged in the cultivation of their gardens and grounds—the population having been increasing in extent and importance for some time past. The stream called *Coldbourn*, which supplies the Serpentine in Kensington Gardens and Hyde Park, passes through the hamlet to Bayswater, and ultimately falls into the Thames at Ranclagh. The water of the Wells at Kilburn was at one time famous for its medicinal qualities, and was celebrated by the following lines in a periodical published during the last century:

> "Where sweet, sequestered scenes inspire delight,
> And simple nature joins in every art,
> At *Kilburn-Wells* their various charms unite,
> And gladly all conspire to please the heart."

At the southern extremity of the village, there was a small cottage, the site of which is now occupied by a villa, in which Oliver Goldsmith at one time resided, and where he wrote his "Vicar of Wakefield," and his "Deserted Village." It was pulled down, September 14, 1837. On "Haverstock Hill," in Kilburn, are the ruins of a dwelling which has ac-

* *Kilbourne* is the orthography used by Gorton (in his Topographical Dictionary,) to designate the village and priory, in Middlesex.

quired a title to remembrance from two celebrated characters, who were once its tenants—Sir Richard Steele and Sir Charles Sedley.—[" *British Gazetteer*," by B. Clarke. London, 1852.

In "Kensall Green" Cemetery, Kilburn, his Royal Highness, the Duke of Sussex, and other illustrious men, are buried.

"KILBURN of late years has much increased in consequence, and many beautiful villas and houses have been built around it. Its situation is rural and healthy, and the pleasant distance which it is from London, joined to the constant accommodation of stage-coaches, render it a place much frequented by opulent persons who have town-residences. There is but one place of worship here; and there is a private establishment for the Deaf and Dumb, conducted by Mr. Robert Ashley."—[*London Commercial Directory*—1836.

"KILBURN WELLS, situate on the property of Mr. Upperton, of the Bell Tavern, offer to the sufferer, under many complaints, every advantage to be obtained, at great trouble, loss of time, and expense, at other mineral springs and watering places. The rides, drives and walks around the vicinity, are not to be excelled in beauty and salubrity by any of the far-famed, because difficultly obtained, resorts of health-seeking invalids, and very few can equal in those respects the suburban village of Kilburn, within only three miles of the north-west end of Westminster and Marylebone.

" The water of Kilburn Wells has been analyzed by gentlemen of first-rate talent, who all agree in the main points of the ingredients to which the virtues of the waters are owing. That highly gifted and eminent surgeon and aurist, Mr. Curtis, of Soho Square, in his most excellent work on " Simplicity of Living, and the Preservation of Health," after a general description of the waters and their beneficial operations, gives an analysis drawn up by Mr. Bliss, and communicated by Sir Joseph Banks to the Royal Society, in 1792. They have also been recently analyzed by Professor Deck, of Cambridge, with the following result, viz., one pint of Kilburn Water contains of gases, three cubic inches of carbonic, and eight of sulphuretted hydrogen; carbonate of lime, one grain; sulphate of soda, twelve grains; sulphate of magnesia, thirty-seven grains; sulphate of lime, six grains; muriate of soda, two grains; muriate of magnesia, six grains—making a total of saline contents in a pint of sixty-four grains, and a slight trace of oxide of iron."

> " Oh, why should man to distant waters roam,
> When healthful springs invite his lips at home?
> Or why THE FAIR forsake their native shore,
> When *Kilburn Wells* will Beauty's bloom restore."

[" *Essay on the Medicinal Properties of the Mineral Waters of Kilburn Wells.*" By R. T. Webb, Surgeon.

## KILBOURNE PRIORY.*

[FROM LYSSON'S "ENVIRONS OF LONDON"—VOL. II, 357.]



REMAINS OF THE PRIORY—1721.

"In the reign of Henry I, (about A. D. 1125,) Godwin, a Hermit, built a Hermitage at Kilbourn, in the Parish of Hampstead, which he afterwards gave, with all the lands thereto belonging, to Emma, Christina and Guinlea, three nuns. Herebert, Abbot of Westminster, and Osbert de Clare, the Prior, at Godwin's request, not only confirmed the grant, but augmented it to a rent of 30*s*, and some lands at Kingsbridge. The Hermitage now became a Nunnery of the Order of St. Benedict. Godwin was appointed Warden during his life; the future nomination of a Warden was reserved to the Abbot of Westminster, who at first had sole authority over the Nunnery—Gilbert, Bishop of London, having exempted it from the jurisdiction of the Church; but afterwards a composition took place, in the year 1231, by virtue of which the Bishops of London were to admit the Warden on the Abbot's presentation. They were also to exercise certain Episcopal functions within the Convent at their pleasure—to preach, hear confession, enjoin penance, consecrate nuns, &c. The Convent was dedicated to the Virgin Mary and St. John the Baptist.

"The site was granted, in 1537, to the Priory of St. John of Jerusalem; and when that monastery also was dissolved, it was granted by the Crown to John, Earl of Warwick, it having been then lately in the tenure of Robert, Earl of Sussex. The Earl of Warwick soon alienated it to Richard Taverner; the latter conveyed it, in 1550, to John Lamb, who died seized of it 1567. It was afterwards the property of the Joselyns, and was alienated by Henry Josselyn, in 1584, to Sir Henry Ayte. Robert Moore, Esq., died seized of it in 1579, leaving three daughters co-heirs. It afterwards became the property of Sir Arthur Ayte, and passed through the same hands as the Manor of Shutup Hill till 1772, when it was alienated to Richard Middleton, Esq., of Clink Castle, to the present proprietor, (1811).

"There are now no remains of the Priory; but the site is plainly to be seen in the Abbey Field, nearly adjoining to a drinking-house called "Kilbourn Wells," from a mineral spring of gentle aperient quality. The Abbey Farm consists of about forty-six acres.

* In these several extracts from different authors, relating to the names of places, &c., I have followed the spelling of the words *Kilburn, Kilbourn, Kilbourne, Kylborne*, etc., precisely as given in the works from which I have quoted.

"Sir Arthur Athey (or Ayte,) who resided at Kilbourn Priory, was Principal of Alban Hall and Public Orator of the University of Oxford. He was also Secretary to the unfortunate Earl of Essex, in whose ruin he was very near being involved, and was obliged for a while to conceal himself. Sir Arthur was Knighted on the accession of James I, and dying in 1604, was buried at Harrow."

*Inventory of Lands &c., belonging to Kilbourne Priory.—A. D.* 1527.

[FROM SIR WILLIAM DUGDALE'S "MONASTICON ANGLICANUM."]

"All that scite, circuyte and procyncte of the late Priory, Monastery or House of Kylborne, in the Countie of Middlesex, commonly called the *Priory of Kylborn*, with the Churches, Houses, and other Buyldyngs thereupon standyng or lying; and also the demayn lands of the sayd late Priory, conteyning by estymacion six acres; the Chappell Feylde and the Lytell Hill Felde adjoyning to the same in Kylborne aforesayde, conteyning by estymacion iv acres; one fyld or pasture there called Hungerallys, conteyning by estymacion x acres; and a fyld or pasture called the West Ende, conteyning by estymacion xii acres; and all the other demayne lande of the said late Priory lyeng and beying in Kylborne aforesayd, Hampsted, Padyngton and Westoun, in the said Countie of Middlesex; and also one massuage or tenement set and leying there before the dore of the churche of the sayde late Priory, with the lands thereunto belongyng; one Woode in Kylborne aforesaid called Kylborne Woode, conteyning by estymacion xxix acres; the Woode behynde the orcharde there called Hungerells, wyth the Hedg-rowes rounde about the same, conteynyng by estymacion vi acres; a Wood or Grove in Kylborn aforesayde called Flowrell Wood, with certeyne Hedge-rowse about the same, conteyning by estymacion xxii acres and a half, and seven rods; the Hedge-rows round about Gorefeld and Goremede, conteyning by estymacion xi acres and a halff acre and xx rods; and the hedge-rowse about Wormole conteynynge by estimacion ix acres and a halfe set and lying in Kylborne and Padyngton aforesaid, with all and singuler theyre appurtenances; to holde the same of the King's highness, his heirs and successors in frank almes forever."

"THE NUNS OF KILBURN.—Within the Parish of Hampstead was formerly a Priory of Benedictine Nuns, subject to the Church of Westminster, who from their local position at a well known hamlet, were called the *Nuns of Kilburn.* After its first foundation (Henry I, 29,) the dignity and extent of the Priory of course kept pace with the frequent accumulations of its revenue, by the donations of those who thought their neglect of religious ordinances while living easily atoned for by enriching religious institutions upon their dying pillows. In a short time

the humble Cell assumed and received the more dignified appendages of *Church* and a *Chapel-House*, and the extension of domestic buildings was doubtless an effect of the increasing number of Nuns. After the dissolution of the Monasteries, the site became the successive property of several persons of considerable eminence; and the House itself was for some time the residence of Sir *Arthur Ayte*, a character of note in diplomatic and scholastic annals."—[*London Gentlemen's Magazine*—1811, p. 508.

*Inventory of Buildings and Apartments belonging to Kilbourne Priory.*

"1. Hall.
2. The chamber next the Church.
3. The Middle Chamber.
4. The Prioresses Chamber.
5. The Buttery, Pantry and Cellar.
6. The Inner Chamber.
7. The Chamber between the Prioresses Chamber and the Hall.
8. Kitchen.
9. The Larder House.
10. The Brew-house and Bakery.
11. The Chambers for the Chaplain and the Hinds or Husbandmen.
12. The Confessor's Chamber.
13. The Church."—*Dugdale.*

"KILBURN, or KILBOURNE, (Derbyshire,) England, 133 miles from London, and seven miles from Derby, contains 109 houses; population in 1841, 826. It is a township in the parish of Horsley. The Baptists and Wesleyans have church and Sunday schools here; and the village also contains a Girls' School under the management of Miss Hunter. Adjacent to the village is "Kilbourne Hall," the residence of Charles V. Hunter, Esq. The mansion is of the Elizabethian style of architecture, and pleasantly situated in an extensive park. In the garden are a quantity of ancient yew trees curiously cut to represent buds. Kilbourne Colliery is situated near the village. John Ray, Esq., of Heander, is the proprietor. The coal dug here is of a very superior quality, and not to be surpassed in the country, either for house fires or for manufacturing purposes. Upwards of one hundred and fifty men are employed here. Hosiery is also manufactured extensively. The Gentry of Kilbourne are James Holden, Esq., Charles Vickers Hunter, Esq., Henry Frothingham Hunter, Esq.

The Manor of Kilbourne belonged for many years to the family of Draycut, but is now the property and residence of the Hunters.

"KILBURNIE, (Ayrshire,) Scotland.—"This is an extensive and in general well cultivated and fertile tract. One-third of the surface, however, consists of moors and hills upon which game is found in great abundance; and on one side of the parish is a fine lake about two miles in length and one in breadth, abounding in pike and tench. The *Castle*

*of Kilburnie*, which once belonged to the Monastery of Kilwinning and was long the seat of the Crawfords, is now a heap of ruins, having been burned down about the year 1753."*

KILBURN, Scotland. In the maps published with the Guide Book's of Chapman as well as those of Bradshaw, a place bearing this name is put down in the Highlands of Scotland, north west of Aberdeen.

"KILBURN-GELL, in Allerdale-ward, County of Cumberland, England, in the parish of Arlecdon. It is six and a half miles N. E. by E. from White Haven."—[*Carlisle's Topographical Dictionary of England.*

"KILLBURNE, County of Waterford, Munster, Ireland; five miles S. W. of Waterford; population, 725. A parish in the Barony of Midthird; living, a Rectory entire, in the diocese of Waterford and archdiocese of Cashel, part of which is included in the corps of the deanery, and the remainder constitutes part of the corps of the precentorship of Waterford."—*Gorton's Topographical Dictionary.*

KELBURNE, on the river Clyde, in the County of Ayr, Scotland. *Kelburne Castle* has been the hereditary seat of the Boyles, Earls of Glasgow, for more than five hundred years. Lord Kelburne takes his title from this place.

"KINBURN, (properly KILBORN,) a small fortress in the S. W. part of European Russia, in the Government of Taurida. It is situated on the Black Sea, on the south side of the estuary of Dnieper, and a little below the junction of the Bog with that river. It formerly belonged to Turkey, and was taken and demolished by the Russians in 1736, but was soon after re-built. It was made over to the Russians along with

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* *Robert Burns*, the famous Scotch poet, in "Answer to a mandate from a Surveyor of Taxes," makes out a poetical inventory of his effects, which commences as follows:

"Imprimis, then, for carriage-cattle,
I hae four brutes of gallant mettle,
As ever drew before a pettle.
My *hand-a-fore* a guid auld has been,
And wight and wilful a' his days seen;
My *hand-a-hin*, a guid brown filly,
Wha aft has borne me safe frae Killie;
And your auld borough many a time
In days when riding was nae crime;
My *fur-a-hin*, a guid grey beast,
As e'er in tug or tow was traced;
The fourth a Highland Donold hasty,
A demn'd red-wud KILBURNIE blastie."

The same poet is the author of a curious song, entitled "The Carl of Kellyburn Braes"—the first verse of which runs thus:

"There lived a Carl on *Kellyburn Braes*,
(Hey, and the rue grows bonnie wi' thyme,)
And he had a wife was the plague of his days,
And the thyme it is wither'd and the rue is in prime."

the Crimea in 1776, and has since been frequently attacked by the Turks, both by sea and land, without success. The harbor of Kinburn is tolerably secure. The town is small, and stands on a Peninsula of the same name, opposite Oczakou."—[*Edinburgh Gazetteer, or Geog. Dic.*, 1822.

The new London Gazetteer, and Morse's Universal Gazetteer, concur with the above authority in giving "*Kilborn*" as the proper spelling of the name of the Russian fortress. On several maps of the seat of war lately published, it is spelled "*Kilburn*;" while Mr. Wilde, "Geographer to the Queen," in his map published in London in 1855, has it "*Kilbourn.*" The celebrated John Paul Jones distinguished himself in 1788, by a naval attack on Kinburn. The fortress was surrendered to the English, after a vigorous siege, in the autumn of 1855.

"KILBURN MOUNTAIN, County of Wexford, Ireland. In Harrop's History of the Irish Rebellion, I find the following, in the proceedings against the Rebels in Dublin, Sept. 1798—"William Fleming, of Taghmon, County of Wexford, being duly sworn by the Holy Evangelists, says, That he, this informant, was a yeoman in the Taghmon cavalry and was taken prisoner by the rebels at KILBURN, near Taghmon aforesaid, on Thursday the 31st day of May last." * * "Informant further saith, That he was again taken prisoner by a body of the said rebels at KILBURN MOUNTAIN, aforesaid."

KILBOURNTOWN.—That part of the city of Milwaukee, which lies on the west side of the Milwaukee River. It took its name from the Hon. Byron Kilbourn, the original proprietor of the soil. "*Kilbourn Hill*," "*Kilbourn Mills*," "*Kilbourn Road*," &c., are provincialisms derived from the same source, and are in frequent use in Milwaukee. In January, 1849, an act was passed by the Legislature, (approved by Gov. Dewey, Feb. 1,) incorporating and defining the "*Kilbourn Road Districts*," by which it appears that the Road runs from Milwaukee through the towns of Greenfield, Lake, Franklin and Oak Creek.*

* [ITEMS FROM MILWAUKEE PAPERS.]

"Milwaukee has heretofore been but imperfectly appreciated by those who, transiently voyaging on the Great Lakes, have not found time to look over the city, and to note the rich and well improved country around it. If they would spend a day or two in exploring KILBOURNTOWN, they would find in it alone a miniature city, with facilities and prospects of expansion not surpassed by any western manufacturing town. With an abundant water power, now in use in almost every branch of manufacture that American industry and ingenuity can suggest, it combines the advantages of being the mart for a rich and fertile country, where the New York and Boston importer finds men to buy his merchandise, and where he can purchase in return almost any articles by wholesale that an eastern manufacturing town or agricultural depot can furnish."—*Milwaukee Sentinel*—June 9, 1847.

"WHO WOULDN'T RIDE?—Those new Omnibuses of Frink & Co., commenced their regular trips between Walker's Point and KILBOURNTOWN, yester-

KILBORN'S MILLS, in Stanstead, Canada East, about four miles east of Lake Memphremagog, and near Derby Line, Vermont. The place took its name from Colonel Charles Kilborn, a native of Litchfield, Conn., who settled there in 1804, and erected several mills at this point on a stream called Kilborn's River, which falls into the Lake. It is still put down on many American and English maps. Colonel Alexander Kilborn, a son of the original proprietor, has here a mansion of singular architectural style, which has elicited much observation.

KILBOURNE, a village and post-office in Delaware County, Ohio—situated 29 miles north of the city of Columbus, the Capital of the State, and 413 miles from Washington.

KILBOURN Street, in the city of Hartford, Connecticut—running from Front street to the Connecticut River. The Freight Depot of the New Haven and Springfield Railroad is located at the foot of Kilbourn street. The street was formerly called the "Old Road to the Ferry," and much of the ground on each side was owned by the late Capt. Samuel Kilbourn. Some years since it was raised and planted with trees, and otherwise much improved, and built upon by the Hon. Henry Kilbourn, and the city government accordingly gave it its present name. The "Kilbourn Elm," standing near the dwelling of the gentleman last named, at the head of Kilbourn street, is by far the largest and probably the oldest elm tree in the city.

## ORIGIN AND MEANING OF THE WORD, KILBOURN.

Newcomb, in his "Parochial History of London," (Vol. I, p. 681—A. D. 1708,) says, in reference to Kilbourne, near London—"This village or

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day. The carriages are beautiful, and well got up, and who will now travel on foot, when they can ride in such fine style—and all for five cents each way."—*Milwaukee Dem.*, June, 1851."

"The Rev. Mr. Klein, a Dutch Reformed clergyman from Holland, arrived in this city, Saturday evening, and will hereafter preach in the "mother tongue," to his countrymen of that persuasion. They worship in the edifice on KILBOURNTOWN HILL."—*Democrat*, 1852.

"John Smith Dead.—An Irishman named John Smith was killed last Saturday, by falling from the upper story floor, to the one below, in the KILBOURN MILLS."—*Free Dem.*, Dec. 20, 1851.

"Information Wanted—Of a boy named *Wolfgang Friday*, aged 22 years, who was living about a year ago with a farmer near West Troy. His mother, who is now in search of him, lives about five miles from Milwaukee, on the KILBOURN ROAD, &c. Rosanna Elmer."
[*Sentinel*—June, 1848.

hamlet seemeth to take its name, saith Worden, from *Keele* and *Bourn*, which signify *Cold Water*."

Mr. Gill, also, in his "*Vallis Eboracensis*," (p. 240,)—as I have quoted in another part of this volume—informs us that *Kilburn*, in Yorkshire, "derives its name from *chill* or *cele*, Cold, and *bourne*, a brook or torrent, or a town situated upon brooks."

William Kilburn, Esq., of London, writes thus—"My neighbor, Sir Francis Palgrave, who is a very learned Antiquary, derives the name of *Kilburn* from the German words *Kühle Burn*, signifying *Cool Stream;* the word Kühle being pronounced as "*Kiel*," or "*Keel*."

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Prof. J. W. Gibbs, LL.D., of Yale College, in response to a letter of inquiry on this subject, a few years since, thus wrote:—

"New Haven, March 11, 1848.

"P. K. Kilbourn, Esq.—*My Dear Sir*—I have directed some little attention to the origin and meaning of your family name, and would suggest the following derivation:

Kilbourn, "cold stream," is a word of Anglo-Saxon origin—being compounded of *Kil*, a corruption of Anglo-Saxon *cald* or *caeld*, 'cold;' and Old Eng. *bourn* or Anglo-Sax. *burne*, 'a stream or 'brook;'—being applied first to a stream, say in the neighborhood of London, then to a village situated on the stream, and then to a family derived from the village.

In support of this explanation of the name, I would suggest,

1. That many family names are borrowed from names of places, there being hardly a village in England which has not given rise to a family name.

2. That *Kilbourne* is the name of a village or hamlet near London, and *Kilburn* the name of two towns—one in Derbyshire, the other in Yorkshire.

3. That there is a stream called *Coldbourne*, which flows through Kilbourne, near London. See the enclosed extract from Gorton's Topographical Dictionary.

4. The Anglo-Saxon word, *burne*, denotes, according to Bosworth, 'a bourne, stream, brook, river.' It is not to be confounded with the English word *bourn*, 'a boundary,' which is derived from the French *borne;* nor with *born*, in the names Seaborn, Winterborn, Newborn, which is probably the participle *born*.

5. The syllable Kil, has, I apprehend, no connection with Kil, given in Webster's Dictionary, which is of Dutch origin. I know of no better explanation than that which is implied in the enclosed extract from Gorton.

As it respects the family of Kilbourn, I have examined Burke's History of the Commoners of Great Britain and Ireland, 4 vols., London, 1836—8, but do not find the name in any of its copious indexes. Should I learn anything new on the subject, I will endeavor to communicate.

Yours, with respect, JOSIAH W. GIBBS."

[*Extract from Gorton's Topographical Dictionary of Great Britain and Ireland*, 3 vols. 8 vo., Lond., 1833.]

"KILBOURNE, County Middlesex.—London, 6 m. N. W. by W.—"A hamlet in the Parish of Hampstead and Holborn division, of the hundred of Ossulston, was at one time celebrated for its mineral spring. Coldbourne stream, which rises near Westend, Hampstead, and from which this place takes its name, passes through Kilbourne to Bayswater; and after supplying the Serpentine Reservoir in Hyde Park, flows into the Thames at Ranclugh."

## YORKSHIRE WILLS.

I have just received from Mr. Paver, of York, England, (under date of Feb. 20, 1856,) the following synopsis of two of the earliest Wills relating to our name, on record in the Will Office in that city. The notes are by Mr. Paver:

A. D. 1444.—Will of THOMAS KILBURN, of Catton,* Yorkshire. He desires to be buried before the altar of St. Nicholas, in Catton Church;† mentions William Day, Chaplain of the Parish of Catton; bequeaths property to William Levenyng, to Thomas Petche *nepoti meo*,‡ to William Porter of Barnby, to his godsons, to William Fedre, to Peter Jameson, his servant,† to Emmote Thomesson, his servant,† to John de Lane, to John Gybson, to Richard Megson, to the wife of William Wardell, to Margaret Wardell, to John Nickson, of Catton.

Dated 1st July, 1444; proved 28 January following.

A. D. 1477.—Will of AGNES KILBORN, of York, single woman. She desires to be buried at All Saints Pavement, York; gives property to Thomas Orton, to Katerine Fribus, to Margaret, daughter of Katerine Fribus, to Agnes Bronnflet, to Agnes Tong, to Agnes Mannell, to Dno. Xr. Doblay,§ to Lady Maude Barton,‖ to Alice, wife of William Bronnflet, to Mr. Thomas Bronnflet, to Isabel Johnson, to Agnes Fribus, to Maude Mathew, to William Hewyck, to Thomas Samson.

Dated 10 Sept. 1477; proved 25 Sept. 1477.

On page *49 of this volume will be noticed the marriage of Andrew Kilborne to Mary Howell alias Smith at Wiverstone, Co. Suffolk, in 1630.

In Burke's Annotations of the Roll of Battle Abbey, (p. 66,) occurs the following paragraph:

"HOUELL or HOVELL.—The descendants of the Norman Houell were seated in the Counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, at Hillington in the former and at Ashfield in the latter, bearing for arms, "Sa, a cross, or."

* Catton is a parish in the East Riding of Yorkshire, seven and a half miles from York. Population, 177.

† These facts show him to have been a man of some consequence.

‡ *Nepoti*, almost invariably would here signify nephew; but it is after all an uncertain term in old documents. I have known cases where grandson was implied by it.

§ No doubt a priest. ‖ Possibly head of some Convent, or a Knight's lady.

One of them, Richard Hovell, Squire of the body of Henry V., was ancester of the family of Hovell, which adopted the surname of Smith, and the co-heiress of which, Elizabeth, the daughter of Robert Smith, alias Hovell, Esq., m. in 1730, the Rev. Thomas Thurlow, Rector of Ashfield, Co. Suffolk, and had three sons. (1.) Edward Lord Thurlow, Lord Chancellor of England. (2.) Thomas, Bishop of Durham, (whose son. Edward, late Lord Thurlow,) took the additional surname of Hovell. (3.) John, Alderman of Norwich."

*Baptisms in the Parish of Belton, County of Rutland, Eng.*

John, son of John Kilbourn and Mary his wife, Oct. 9, 1698.
William, son of John Kilburn and Mary his wife, June 13, 1702.
Mary, daughter of John Kilbourn and Mary his wife, Dec. 16, 1704.
Ann, daughter of John Kilbourn, and Mary his wife, Oct. 17, 1706.
William, son of John Kilbourn and Mary his wife, April 27, 1708.
Samuel, son of John Kilbourn and Mary his wife, Dec. 11, 1711.
Alice, daughter of John Kilbourn and Mary his wife, May 12, 1713.
Hannah, daughter of John Kilbourn and Mary his wife, May 12, 1715.

*Baptisms in the Parish of Seaton, County of Rutland, Eng.*

Thomas, son of John and Mary Kilburn, Oct. 10, 1700.
Mary, daughter of John Kilburn, July 29, 1728.
Frances, daughter of John Kilburn, April 19, 1730.
John, son of John Kilburn, Nov. 7, 1731.
Elizabeth, daughter of John Kilburn, May 27, 1735.
Dinah, daughter of John Kilburn, May 30, 1737.
Dorathy, daughter of John and Dorathy Kilburn, May 20, 1739.
Ann, daughter of John and Dorathy Kilburn, June 24, 1741.
Ann, daughter of John and Dorathy Kilburn, July 29, 1743.
William, son of John and Dorathy Kilburn, July 27, 1746.
Samuel, son of John and Dinah Kilburn, Feb. 7, 1762.
Frances, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Kilburn, July 31, 1763.
William, son of John and Dinah Kilburn, March 24, 1766.
John, son of Thomas and Sarah Kilburn, July 31, 1774.

## DEATHS.

*May* 12, 1847.—At Kilburn Priory, Middlesex, England, in his 79th year, Rear Admiral John Fordyce Maples, R. N., C. B.

*Nov.* 25, 1853.—At his residence in Kilburn, Middlesex, Vincent George Dowling, Esq., editor of *Bell's Life in London*, in the 67th year of his age.

*April* 18, 1855.—At Kilburn, Yorkshire, Mr. George Sharrew, aged 80 years—for 50 years Parish Clerk.

"Shot in the lobby of the House of Commons, May 11, 1812, the Rt. Hon. Spencer Percival, of Kilburn, Middlesex. Mr. Percival was formerly a member of Parliament, Solicitor General, Attorney General, and at the date of his death, he was Chancellor of the Exchequer. Bellingham, the assassin, is supposed to have been deranged."—*English paper.*

KILBURN PRIORY.—Amomg the drawings in the British Museum, is a view of the remains of the Priory in 1721; and one of the appearance of the site of the Priory in 1790.

## RECAPITULATION.

*Brief Notes of some of the Public and Professional men in England, bearing the name of Kilborne,—[with a reference to the page of this volume where they are more particularly mentioned].*

A. D. 1233.—WILLIAM DE KILBOURNE, Lord of the Manor of Kilbourne, Yorkshire.—p. 12.

A. D. 1336.—JOHN DE KYLBURN, "Chief Commissary of the Works in the Camp occupied by the King of England in Scotland."—p. 12.

A. D.—1338.—JOHN KILBORN, "Governor of the Works in the Royal Camp in Scotland."—p. 12.

A. D. 1386.—Rev. JOHN DE KILBURN, Vicar of the Cathedral Church at York.—p. 13.

A. D. 1404—Rev. JOHN KILBURN, Priest, Rector of Beeford Church, Yorkshire.—p. 13.

A. D. 1427.—JOHN KILBORNE, Gent., late Fellow of Peter House College, Cambridge.—p. 15.

A. D. 1446.—Rev. JOHN KILBOURNE, Precentor of Lincoln Cathedral.—p. 15.

A. D. 1449.—Rev. WILLIAM KILBURN, Chaplain, Rector of the Parish of St. Medardi, in France.—p. 18.

A. D. 1536.—Rev. PETER KILLEBORNE, Vicar of the Church of Saraplofte, Co. of Leicester.—p. 19.

A. D. 1620.—THOMAS KILBOURN, Bailiff of the Corporation of Huntingdon.—p. 24.

A. D. 1628.—FRANCIS KILBORNE, Gent., a lawyer of Thavies' Inn, London, died.—p. 24.

A. D. 1630.—WILLIAM KILBORNE, Gent., a lawyer of Huntingdon, and an associate of Oliver Cromwell. With Cromwell he was summoned to appear before the Privy Council at London in 1630, for contempt shown to the authorities of Huntingdon. He was probably the same "William Kilborne, of Gray's Inn," who died in London in 1649. —p. 41.

A. D. 1631.—OLIVER KILBORNE, Esq., was a member of the Municipal Council at Louth, Lincolnshire, and held the office until his death in 1651, a period of twenty years.—p. *37.

A. D. 1636.—Rev. WILLIAM KILBORNE, Rector of Wethersden, Co. of Suffolk.—p. 27.

A. D. 1659—WILLIAM KILBURNE, Gent., London, author of several pamphlets.—p. 28.

A. D. 1660.—THOMAS KILBORNE, *A. B.*, graduated at Magdalen College, Cambridge.—p. 28.

A. D. 1661.—Rev. WILLIAM KILBORNE, *A. M.*, Vicar of Littlebury, and of Saffron Walden.—p. 28.

A. D. 1663.—OLIVER KILBORNE, Esq., Warden (or Mayor) of Louth, and Trustee of the Grammar School of King Edward.—p. *36.

A. D. 1671.—Rev. CHARLES KILBURNE, *A. M.* Vicar of Holy Cross Church, Canterbury, and Rector of St. Peter's Church.—p. 30.

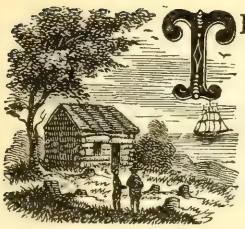
A. D. 1678.—RICHARD KILBURNE, Esq., of Hawkhurst, Co. of Kent, a lawyer, magistrate and historian, died.—p. 25.

A. D. 1730.—Rev. ROBERT KILBORN, *LL. D.* and *S. S.*, Prebendary of St. Paul's, London.—p. 31.

A. D. 1744.—LAUNCELOT KILBOURN, Purveyor of his Majesty's stores at Gibraltar.—p. 32.

# GENERATION I.

## THOMAS KILBORNE,



THE common ancestor of all the KILBORNES* on the Western Continent, was born in the parish of *Wood Ditton*, in the county of Cambridge, England, A. D. 1578, where he was baptized on the 8th of May of that year. The next mention I have found of him, is contained in the will of Agatha Borrowdale, (already referred to,) who, in 1613, bequeathed to him and others, certain property in trust for benevolent purposes; for the care of which he was to receive, at the end of every seven years, "a ring of gold of the price of 30*s*." &c. Unlike most of the pioneers of New England, he was a member of the Church of England, as appears from the fact that he was a "Church Warden" of his native parish in 1632. He married Frances ——, and had eight children, viz., Margaret, Thomas, Elizabeth, George, Mary, Lydia, Frances and John. On the 15th of April, 1635, Thomas Kilborne, with a portion of his family, embarked from London for New England, in the ship "Increase," Robert Lea, master, as appears by the following paragraphs from the Hon. James Savage's "Gleanings for New England History," in the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 3d series, Vol. VIII, p. 243, viz.:

"Extract from a MS. volume in folio at the Augmentation Office (so called,) where Rev. Joseph Hunter, one of the Record Commissioners,

* Now spelt variously—*Kilbourn, Kilburn, Kilborn, Kilbourne*, &c.

presides in Rolls Court, Westminster Hall. It contains the names of all persons permitted to embark at the port of London, after Christmas, 1634, to the same period in the following year, kept generally in regular succession. This was found only a few months since, *and may not have been seen by more than two or three persons for two hundred years.*"

"15th Apr. 1635. These parties hereafter expressed are to be transported to New England, embarqued in the Increase, Robert Lea, master, having taken the oath of allegiance and supremacy, as also being conformable to the orders and discipline of the church, whereof they brought testimony per certificates from the Justices and Ministers where their abodes have lately been.

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| "Husbandman, | THO. KILBORNE, | aged 55. |
| His wife, | FRANCES KILBORNE, | " 50. |
| Children, | MARGARET KILBORNE, | " 23. |
| | LYDIA KILBORNE, | " 22. |
| | MARIE KILBORNE, | " 16. |
| | FRANCES KILBORNE, | " 12. |
| | JO. KILBORNE, | " 10."* |

* The following complete list of the fellow passengers of Thomas Kilborne and family, on their voyage to this country in the Increase, will probably gratify the curiosity of many of my readers. "Lynen weaver, Tho. Chittingden, aged 57, uxor Rebecca Chittingden, 41, Isack Chittingden, 10, Henry Chittingden 6; a mason, Geo. Bacon 43, Samuel 12, Susan 10, John 5; a husbandman, Tho. Jostlin, Rebecca his wife, Eliza Ward a maid servant, Rebecca 18, Dorothy 11, Nathaniel 8, Eliza 6, Mary 1, his children; husbandman, Wm. Rusco 51, uxor Rebecca 41, Sara 9, Marie 7, Samuel 5, Wm. 1; a tailor, Tho. Page 29, Elizabeth 28, Tho, 2, Katherin 1; Edw. Sparks 24, Kat. Taylor 22, servants; Sam. Andrewes 37, Jane 30, Jane 3, Eliz. 2; Robt. Naney 22, Robt. Sankey 30, John Gibbens 21, husbandman Samuel Morse 50, uxor Elizabeth 48, Joseph 20; Elizabeth Daniel 2; linen weaver, Philemon Dalton 45, uxor Hanna 35, Samuel 5; Wm. White 14; husbandman, Matthew Marvyn 35, Elizabeth 31, Matthew 8, Marie 6, Sara 3, Hanna 1-2; Jo. Warner 30; Isack More; Carpenter, Samuell Ireland 32, uxor Marie; plowrite, Wm. Buck 50, Roger Buck 18; a joiner, Jo. Davies 29, husbandman, Abram Fleming 40, husbandman, Jo. Foker 21, clothier, Tho. Parish 22; chyrurgion, Symon Ayres 58, uxor Dorothy 38, Marie 15, Tho. 13, Symon 11, Rebecca 9; Jane Rainton 30, husbandman, Symon Stone 50, uxor Joan 38, Francis 16, Ann 11, Symon 4, Marie 3, Jo. 5 weeks; John Owdie 17, butcher, Wm. Payne 37, Anna 40, William 10, Anna 5, Jo. 3, Daniell 8 weeks; James Bitton 27, Wm. Potter 25, Elizabeth Woods 35, Elizabeth Beards 24, Suzan Payne 11, Aymes Gladwell 16, Phebe Perce 18, carpenter, Henry Crosse 20, James Roger 20, Richard Nunn 19, Tho. Barrett 16, Jo. Hackwell 18, Christian Ayres 7, Anna Ayres 5, Benjamin Ayres 3, Sara Ayres 3 mos., a sawyer, Steeven Upson 23, Jo. Myndell 16; Isack Worden 18, Nath'l Wood 12, Elizabeth Streaton 19, Marie Toller, servants.

Of the persons above named, Simon Stone (sen'r.) 'deacon of Watertown,' was adm. freeman 1636; Simon Stone (jun.,) was Representative in 1678 and 1679. Philemon Dalton died in Ipswich, Nov. 10, 1661; his son, Hon. Samuel Dalton, was Representative from Hampton for 12 years from 1662, and member of the first Council of President Cutt, of New Hampshire. Samuel Morse, adm. freeman at Dedham, 1640, died at Medfield, Dec, 5, 1654; Joseph Morse was one of the first settlers of Dedham: Roger Buck settled in Cambridge, where his sons John and Ephraim were born in 1644 and 1645. Thos.

The family settled in Wethersfield, Connecticut, where Thomas Kilborne, Sen., died previous to 1639, at which date lands were recorded to "Frances Kilborne, widow."* Mrs. Frances Kilborne died in 1650.

The subjoined letter from Judge Goodwin is here inserted in the text as a fitting introduction to the valuable documents which follow it:

"HARTFORD, CONN., January 13, 1853.

*Dear Sir.*—I am truly obliged to you for your favor of the 29th ult., giving me the particulars which I solicited you to obtain for me, and have the pleasure to make you, at this time, a very considerable payment towards the large amount in which I am indebted to you.

In looking over some old Probate papers, there came to the light, the last Will and Testament and the Inventory of your first American ancestress, Frances Kilborne. I have made copies of both Instruments to-day, which I shall herein enclose.

The will, as you will notice, is nuncupative. It was made on the 13th of November, 1650, and the Inventory was taken on the 3d of December next following. Between these two dates she must have died. The will was probably made on her death-bed. By the date of her death, and the data given by Judge Savage, in his "Gleanings," she was 65 years of age at the time of her decease.

In the will, you will find one devizee more than those before ascertained by you,—"My grand-child, Elizabeth Spencer." Who this

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Barrett, d. at Chelmsford, Oct. 6, 1664; Thos. Joslin [Jostlin] died at Lancaster, Mass., Feb. 3, 1661. Matthew Marvin settled in Norwalk, and was a Deputy to the General Court from that town in 1657; Matthew Marvin, Jr., was a Deputy from Norwalk in 1694 and 1697. William Roscoe settled in Hartford and had charge of the prisoners and House of Correction, 1647–1650. John Rogers settled in New London, and was often a Deputy.

* Nathaniel Goodwin, Esq., of Hartford, (under date of May 22, 1848, writes:—"FRANCES KILBOURN, your ancestress, (her husband having deceased before the distribution of the town was recorded in 1639,) had a home lot of three acres, on the west side of Broad Street—being the same lot, together with another home lot next adjoining on the south, originally Samuel Smith's—now known by the name of the "Chester Place"—a beautiful situation. The Kilbourn lot, either in whole or in part, remained in the hands of the Kilbourn family to and including the fourth generation."

As stated by Judge Goodwin in the foregoing extract, the home lot of Samuel Smith joined the Kilborne homestead on the south. The next home lot still farther south was owned and occupied by his son, Lieutenant Philip Smith, who subsequently removed to Hadley, Mass., in 1659, where, according to the famous Cotton Mather, he "was murdered by an hideous witchcraft," in January, 1684. The particulars of his death, as given by Mather (Magnalia, book vi, chap. vii,) are so characteristic of the writer and of the age in which he lived, that I will here give them in full as a quaint curi-

Elizabeth Spencer was, I know not; but feel much interest in knowing, and shall attempt to make the discovery.

The work on which I am engaged, is the Spencer and Edwards Families,—together with Genealogical notes of several others who were connected with those families in marriage.

The evening being far spent, I must wish you good night.

Very respectfully, your friend and servt.,

NATHANIEL GOODWIN.

PAYNE KENYON KILBOURN, Esq., Litchfield, Conn."

"*The last Will and Testament of Frances Kilborne, of Wethersfield, the 13th of November*, 1650.

Imprimis. In lieu of forty shillings she borrowed of Richard Law, she hath given him five pounds, to be paid within a year or two.

Item. I give to my daughter Margaret, the wife of Richard Lawe, my old cloth gown: and to my grand-child Jonathan Lawe, five shillings.

Item. I give to my daughter Lydia, the wife of Robert Howard, five pounds, as the full of his portion I promised upon marriage with my daughter, to be paid within a year or two after my decease.

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osity. Lieut. Smith, the reader will have observed, was one of the nearest neighbors of the Kilbourns of Wethersfield for a period of twenty years.

"Mr. *Philip Smith*, aged about fifty Years, a Son of *eminently* Vertuous Parents, a Deacon of the church in *Hadley*, a member of the *General Court*, a Justice in the *Countrey Court*, a select Man for the Affairs of the Town, a *Lieutenant* of the Troop, and which crowns all, a Man for *Devotion, Sanctity, Gravity*, and all that was honest, exceeding Exemplary. Such a Man was in the Winter of the Year 1684, murder'd with an hideous *Witchcraft*, that fill'd all those Parts of *New England* with *Astonishment*. He was, by his Office concern'd about relieving the *Indigences* of a wretched Woman in the Town; who being dissatisfy'd at some of his just Cares about her, express'd herself unto him in such a *manner*, that he declar'd himself thenceforward apprehensive of receiving Mischief at her hands.

"About the *Beginning of January*, he began to be very *Valetudinarious*, labouring under Pains that seem'd *Ischiatick*. The Standers by could now see in him one ripening apace for another World, and fill'd with Grace and Joy to an high Degree. He shew'd such *Weanedness* from and *Weariness* of the World, that he knew not (he said) whether he might pray for his *Continuance* here: And such assurance he had of the *Divine* Love unto him, that in Rapture he would cry out, *Lord stay thy hand; it is enough, it is more than thy frail Servant can bear*. But in the midst of these things he still utter'd an hard Suspicion that the ill Woman who had *threatened* him, had made Impressions with *Inchantments* upon him. While he remain'd yet of a *sound Mind*, he very sedately, but very solemnly charg'd his Brother, to look well after him. Tho', he said, he now understood himself, yet he knew not how he might be. *But be sure*, (said he) *to have a care of me, for you shall see strange things. There shall be a Wonder in* Hadley! *I shall not be dead when 'tis thought I am!* He press'd this Charge over and over; and afterwards became Delirious; upon which he had a Speech *incessant* and *voluable*, and (as was judg'd) in various Languages. He cry'd out, not only of *Pains*, but also of *Pins*, tormenting him in several parts of his Body; and the *Attendants* found one of them.

"In his Distresses he exclaim'd much upon the Woman aforesaid, and others, as being seen by him in the Room; and there was divers times both in

I give to my daughter Mary, the wife of John Root, five pounds, as the full portion I promised upon marriage with my daughter, to be paid within a year or two after my decease.

Item. To my daughter Frances, the wife of Thomas Uffoote, ten pounds, in full of his portion, promised in marriage with my daughter, within two years after my decease.

Item. To my grand-child, Elizabeth Spencer, my other black gown, and my linsewoolse peticoat,—a black hat.

Item. I give all the rest of my apparal to my three daughters, to be divided amongst them,—Lydia, Mary and Frances.

Item. To my son John, I give three sheets; and the rest of my linen, to my three daughters, equally to be divided to Lydia, Mary and Frances.

And I make my son John my whole and sole Executor. The witnesses that this is the last will of Frances Kilborne, are Samuel Smith, and Nathaniel Dickinson, and Elizabeth the wife of Samuel Smith."

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that Room and over the whole House, a strong Smell of something like *Musk*, which once particularly so scented an Apple roasting at the Fire, that it forc'd them to throw it away. Some of the young Men in the Town being out of their Wits at the strange Calamities thus upon one of their most belov'd Neighbors went three or four times to give disturbance unto the Woman thus complain'd of: And all the while they were disturbing of her, he was at ease, and slept as a weary Man: Yea, these were the only times that they perceiv'd him to take any Sleep in all his Ilness. *Gally pots of Medicines* provided for the sick Man were unaccountably empty'd: audible *Scratchings* were made about the Bed, when his Hands and Feet lay wholly still, and were held by others. They beheld Fire sometimes on the Bed; and when the Beholders began to discourse of it, it vanish'd away. Divers People actually felt something often stir in the Bed, at a considerable distance from the Man: It seem'd as big as a Cat, but they could never grasp it. Several trying to lean on the Bed's head, tho' the sick Man lay wholly still, the Bed would shake so, as to knock their heads uncomfortably. A very *strong Man* could not lift the *sick Man* to make him lie more easily, tho' he applied his utmost Strength unto it; and yet he could go presently and lift a Bed-sted and a Bed, and a Man lying on it, without any strain to himself at all. *Mr. Smith* dies: The *Jury* that view'd his Corpse, found a Swelling on one *Breast*, his *Privities* wounded or burn'd, his *Back* full of Bruises, and several Holes that seem'd made with *Awls*. After the *Opinion* of all had *pronounc'd* him dead, his *Countenance* continued as Lively as if he had been Alive; his Eyes closed as in a Slumber, and his *Nether Jaw* not falling down.

"Thus he remain'd from *Saturday* Morning about Sun rise, till *Sabbath-day* in the Afternoon; when those who took him out of the Bed, found him still warm, tho' the Season was as cold as had almost been *known* in any Age: And a *New-English* Winter does not want for Cold. On the Night following, his *Countenance* was yet fresh as befor; but on *Monday* morning, they found the Face extremely *tumify'd* and discolor'd. It was black and blue, and fresh Blood seem'd *running* down his Cheek upon the Hairs. Divers Noises were also heard in the Room where the Corpse lay; as the Clattering of *Chairs* and *Stools*, whereof no account could be given.

"This was the End of so good a Man.

"And I could with *unquestionable Evidence* relate the Tragical Deaths of several *Good Men* in this Land, attended with such *preternatural Circumstances*, which have loudly call'd upon us all to *work out our own Salvation with Fear and Trembling*."

"*An Inventory of all the Lands, and Goods, and whole Estate of Frances Kilborne, widow, late deceased, of Wethersfield, in the Colony of Connecticut, taken and prised by Sam. Smith, Tho. Coleman, and Nath. Dickinson, this 3d day of December*, 1650.

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| Imprimis. Her purse and apparel, | £20 | 0 | 0 |
| Item: Two beds in the parlor, with their furniture, | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Item: The tables, chests, boxes, forms and stools and benches, with many other small things in the parlor, | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Item. A bed and chests and some other things in the lean-too or liney, | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Ite: Sheets, pillow-beers, napkins, and other linens, | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Ite: Tables, forms, chairs, stools, benches in the halls, | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Ite: Brass and pewter, and iron kettle, | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Ite: Four silver spoons, one silver beaker, | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| Ite: Spitts, cab-irons, trammels, and other fire irons, | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Ite: Fire-arms and ammunition, | 2 | 15 | 0 |
| Item: Two wooden vessels, barrels, tub, and keeler, pails and dishes, and such like, | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Ite: One copper, | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Ite: In husbandry tools, such as scythes, forks, shovels, beetles, wedges, axes, and useful tools, | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Ite: Carts, plows, harrows, yokes, chains, with horse furniture for the carts, | 7 | 3 | 4 |
| Item: Bees and bee-hives, and some old iron, | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Item: Books, | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Ite: Provisions for house-keeping, | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Ite: In Indian corn, | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Ite: In English grain, | 27 | 10 | 0 |
| Ite: Three acres of wheat and rye, on the ground. | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Ite: Hay, at | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Ite: In horse flesh, | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Ite: Two oxen, two cows, four young cattle, | 37 | 0 | 0 |
| Ite: The house and home lot, and twelve acres in the great meadow, | 105 | 0 | 0 |
| Ite: Four acres in the west field, two in beaver meadow, and four in mile meadow, | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Ite: Her land beyond the river, at | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Ite: Six hogs, | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| | £349 | 8 | 4 |

Her debts owing out of the estate, are about £13 13*s*. 4*d*.

NATH. DICKINSON,
THOMAS COLEMAN,
SAMUEL SMITH."

# GENERATION II.

## CHILDREN OF THOMAS AND FRANCES KILBORNE.

MARGARET, born in Wood Ditton, county of Cambridge, England, A. D. 1607, and was baptized on the 23d of Sept. of that year. She came to New England with her parents, on board the "Increase," in 1635; and soon after her arrival, she was married to Richard Law, Esq., then of Wethersfield, but subsequently an early and prominent settler of Stamford. Mr. Law was often a Representative, Magistrate and Commissioner, under the jurisdiction of New Haven colony, and after the union, he held the same offices in Connecticut. The children of Richard and Margaret Law, were—

(I.) ABIGAIL LAW, m. the Hon. Major Jonathan Selleck, of Stamford, and had one son, Jonathan Selleck, Jr.; who m. (Jan. 5, 1685,) Abigail Gold, daughter of the Hon. Nathan Gold, Deputy Governor of Connecticut. Abigail, a daughter of Jonathan Selleck, Jr., m. the Hon. Ebenezer Silliman, of Fairfield, and became the mother of General Gold Selleck Silliman, of the continental army, who was the father of Professor Benjamin Silliman, LL.D., of Yale College.*

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*The following table, politely furnished me by the distinguished genealogist, Judge Goodwin, of Hartford, will give the reader a distinct idea of the line of Professor Silliman's descent from Thomas Kilborne, viz.:—

"Thomas Kilborne, one of the first settlers of Wethersfield, and Frances Kilborne, his wife.

CHILDREN.

1. *Margaret,*
2. Lydia.
3. Maria.
4. Frances.
5. John. [For continuation of this note, see next page.]

(II.) JONATHAN LAW, (only son,) m. Sarah, daughter of Dea. George Clark, of Milford, June 1, 1664, and settled in that town, where he died, Jan. 9, 1712, in the 75th year of his age. He left one son, the Hon. Jon-

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(1.) *Margaret Kilborne*, (daughter of Thomas and Frances Kilborne,) married Richard Law, one of the first settlers of Wethersfield and Stamford.

CHILDREN.

6. *Abigail*,
7. Jonathan,
8. Sarah.

(6.) *Abigail Law* married Hon. Major Jonathan Selleck, of Stamford. Child, one only, so far as at present appears.

9. Jonathan.

(9.) *Jonathan Selleck, Jr.*, of Stamford, married Abigail Gold, daughter of Hon. Nathan Gold, of Fairfield.

CHILDREN.

10. Nathan,
11. *Abigail.*
12. Theophyla,
13. Jonathan,
14. John Gold Selleck.

(11.) Ebenezer Silliman, of Fairfield, was twice married, 1. To *Abigail Selleck*, daughter of Jonathan Selleck, Jr., of Stamford, Oct. 8, 1728. She died March 16, 1772, aged 65 years. 2. To Abigail Williams, daughter of Rev. John Williams, of Deerfield.

CHILDREN BY HIS FIRST WIFE.

15. *Gold Selleck*, born May 7, 1732.
16. Ebenezer,
17. Amelia,
18. Hezekiah,
19. Jonathan,
20. Abigail,
21. Deodate.

(15.) *Gold Selleck Silliman*, of Fairfield, was twice married. 1. To Martha Davenport, daughter of Deodate Davenport, of East Haven, who was the son of the Rev. John Davenport, third minister of Stamford, [and of Martha, his wife, who was widow of John Selleck, late of said Stamford, deceased, and daughter of the Hon. Nathan Gold, Sen., of Fairfield], who was the son of John Davenport, who was the son of the Rev. John Davenport, first minister of New Haven. She died, Aug. 1, 1774, aged 41 years. 2. To Mary Noyes, of New Haven, widow of Rev. John Noyes, who was the son of the Rev. Joseph Noyes. She was Mary Fish, daughter of Rev. Joseph Fish, of Stonington.

Gen. Gold Selleck Silliman died July 21, 1790, aged 58.

CHILDREN BY HIS FIRST WIFE.

22. William, born July 22, 1756.
23. Priscilla, " June 22, 1772. She died Nov. 23, 1773.

CHILDREN BY HIS SECOND WIFE.

24. Gold Selleck, born October 26, 1777.
25. *Benjamin*, " August 8, 1779. He is Professor of Chemistry, in Yale College."



B. Silliman

athan Law, LL.D., who was Governor of Connecticut from 1741, until his death, Nov. 6, 1750.*

(III.) SARAH LAW, m. John Selleck, Oct. 28, 1669, and had six children, viz., 1. Sarah, born Aug. 22, 1670; 2. David, b. Dec. 27, 1672; 3. Nathaniel, b. April 7, 1678; 4. John, b. June 7, 1681; 5. Susannah, b. Feb. 2, 1683; 6. May 31, 1686. Mrs. Sarah Selleck died Nov. 8, 1732.

2. THOMAS, baptized in Wood Ditton, England, on the 30th day of November, 1609. In April, 1634, he embarked in the ship "Elizabeth," from Ipswich, in the west of England, for New England, with his wife Elizabeth. I find no record of him or of his descendants in this country. As he was the eldest son, he may have returned to England on the death of his father, which took place previous to 1639.

3. GEORGE, baptized in Wood Ditton, England, February 12, 1612. He came to New England, and was in Roxbury, Mass., as early as 1638, where he was a member of the church of which the famous Eliot was pastor. In 1640, he was admitted a freeman in Rowley, Mass., where he appears to have spent the remainder of his days. He married Elizabeth ——, and had six children, viz.: Mary, Joseph, Jacob, Samuel, Isaac and Elizabeth—all of whom were were born in Rowley. Of this branch of our family I shall speak in the latter part of this volume.

4. ELIZABETH, baptized in Wood Ditton, England, May 12, 1614. She did not come to New England, so far as

* Governor Law was born in Milford, August 6, 1674, and graduated at Harvard, in 1695. He was Clerk and Speaker of the House of Representatives; Judge of the Superior Court for 9 years; Chief Justice for 16 years; Lieutenant Governor for 16 years; and Governor for 9 years. His first wife was Ann Elliot, by whom he had a daughter, Eunice, who married the Rev. Samuel Hall, of Cheshire, and had a son Jonathan, (the father of the Hon. *George Hall*, M. C., of Onondaga Co., N. Y.,) and a daughter, Abigail, who married the Rev. John Foote, of Cheshire, and became the mother of the Hon. *Samuel A. Foote*, LL.D., U. S. Senator and Governor of Connecticut. Governor Law's second wife was Abigail Arnold; his third wife was Abigail Andrew; his fourth wife was Sarah Burr; his fifth wife was Eunice Hall. Among his children by the last marriage was the Hon. *Richard Law*, of New London, member of the Continental Congress, Chief Justice of the State, and U. S. District Judge. The late Hon. Lyman Law, M. C., of New London, and Captain Richard Law, U. S. N., and Collector of the port of New London, were sons of Judge Richard Law.

appears, and may either have died in England or have been married there previous to the emigration of her parents.

5. LYDIA, baptized in Wood Ditton, England, July 14, 1616; came to Wethersfield with her parents in 1635; married Robert Howard of Windsor, Conn., and had five children, viz., (1.) Tayhath, b. Jan. 1, 1646; (2.) Rebecca, b. Aug. 17, 1648; (3.) Esther, b. June 8, 1651 died in childhood; (4.) Lydia, b. Jan. 13, 1655, died in infancy; (5.) Ephraim, b. Jan. 11, 1656. Mr. Howard was a Juror of a Particular Court in June 1643, and again in September 1645. He died in 1684. His wife survived him; and in a deposition made by her, at Windsor, Sept. 3, 1684, she says she is "aged 70 years or thereabouts."*

6. MARY, born in Wood Ditton, England, in 1619; came to New England in the "Increase," in 1635; married John Root, Sen., a first settler and prominent citizen of Farmington, Conn. They were both members of the church in that town in 1679. He died in August 1684, his wife surviving him. Their children were—

(I.) JOHN ROOT, who settled in Woodbury, Conn., about 1685. His wife Dorcas, died May 15, 1720; he died May 25, 1723. Their children were, (1.) John, died young; (2.) Susannah, married Col. Joseph Minor,† July 12, 1710; (3.) Mary, m. Robert Warner; (4.) Sarah, m. Joseph Prime, Jan. 8, 1728; (5.) Josiah, m. Elizabeth Huthwit, July 3, 1717; (6.) Bethia, died young; (7.) John, m. Ruth Hickok, Sept. 4, 1717; (8.) Joseph,‡ m. Susanna ——; (9.) Bethia.

(II.) JOSEPH ROOT—of whose history I know nothing.

(III.) CALEB ROOT, died in 1712.

(IV.) STEPHEN ROOT, died in 1717.

(V.) TIMOTHY ROOT, died in 1713.

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* MS. of N. Goodwin, Esq., Hartford.

† Colonel Minor died in Woodbury, Oct. 20, 1774, aged 102 years. He was a Representative at thirty-two sessions; Judge of the County Court fourteen years; and Judge of Probate thirty years. His descendants are numerous and highly respectable.

‡ This Joseph Root had a son Thomas, who m. Emma Minor, Dec. 29, 1757. Their daughter Jerusha, m. Lee Turrell, and emigrated to Canada. Hazard Turrell, son of Lee and Jerusha Turrell, m. Betsey Bailey, and had *Hazard B. Turrell* and *T. Lee Turrell*, both of whom were recently members of the Canadian Parliament from Stanstead County.

(VI.) MARY ROOT m. Isaac Bronson, (son of John Bronson, of Farmington,) and settled in Waterbury. They had nine children, eight of whom left families, viz.: Isaac, John, Samuel, Mary, Joseph, (died unmarried,) Thomas, Ebenezer, Sarah and Mercy.

Mercy Bronson (last named,) youngest daughter of Isaac and Mary Bronson, m. Richard Bronson of Woodbury, and had a daughter, Mercy Bronson, who m. (Nov. 18, 1736) Thomas Bennett, of Newtown, Conn., and had two daughters, Rhoda and Anna. Rhoda Bennett m. the Rev. Noah Benedict, of Woodbury, and became the mother of the Hon. *Noah B. Benedict*, General *Thomas B. Benedict*, and of Ruth Benedict, who m. the Hon. Nathaniel Smith, M. C., and Judge of the Supreme Court. Anna Bennett, the other daughter of Thomas and Mercy Bennett, m. Lieut. William French, of Southbury, and had nine children, among whom was Sylvania, wife of General Ephraim Hinman, of Roxbury, and mother of the Hon. *Royal R. Hinman*, the distinguished antiquarian. The late Hon. *Bennett Bronson*, of Waterbury, (Chief Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of New Haven,) was also a descendant of Thomas Kilbourn, through Richard and Mercy Bronson, above named.

7. FRANCES, baptized in Wood Ditton, England, September 4, 1621; came to New England in the "Increase," in 1635; married Thomas Ufford (or Uffoot,) of Stratford, who was often a Selectman of that town, and was one of the Committee who, in 1666, invited the Rev. Mr. Chauncey to the pastoral office in Stratford. She survived her husband and died without issue in 1682. In January, 1683, administration on her estate was granted to her brother, John Kilbourn of Wethersfield; and was ordered to be distributed as follows, viz.: "1. To John Kilbourn of Wethersfield, brother of the deceased, one-fourth part. 2. To the children of Mrs. Margaret Law, sister of the deceased, one-fourth part. 3. To Lydia Howard, wife of Robert Howard, and sister of the deceased, one-fourth part. 4. To Mary Root, wife of John Root, Sen., and sister of the deceased, one-fourth part." "John Kilbourn was allowed £5 out of the estate before distribution, to pay him for his pains in coming down from Wethersfield to settle the estate."*

* It is a singular fact that no mention is made in this distribution, of any of the brothers or sisters of the deceased (or their heirs), except those who came over in the Increase. If we presume that Thomas, Elizabeth and George had

8. JOHN, youngest child of Thomas and Frances Kilbourn, was baptized at Wood Ditton, England, September 29, 1624. On the 15th of April, 1635, he embarked for New England with his parents and sisters, on board the "Increase," Robert Lea, master. He was then a lad of ten years. As I have elsewhere stated, the family settled in Wethersfield, on the west side of the Connecticut river, six miles below the present city of Hartford, where the subject of this notice spent the remainder of his days, and where he was long a useful and prominent citizen. On the 24th of September, 1647, at the age of 23 years, his name occurs for the first time upon the Wethersfield Records—he having been appointed "Collector of the Tax Rates" at that date. His first record as a land-holder bears date May 20, 1649.

On the 8th of March 1654, Mr. Kilbourn was appointed a member of the committee to run the Boundary Line between Wethersfield and "Mattabossett" (or Middletown), and three years subsequently he was chosen a member of a new committee for the same work. On the 2d of April, 1655, John Kilbourn and Thomas Wright were appointed "to run ye line betwixt Hartford and Wethersfield upon ye second day of next week." In May, 1657, he was confirmed by the General Court "to be Sergeant at Wethersfield;" and from that time forward, he is almost uniformly designated upon the Town Records as "Sergeant Kilbourn."

At the October Session of the General Court, 1660, Sergeant Kilbourn took his seat in that body, for the first time, as a Representative from Wethersfield. He was a member at seven stated and special sessions, during a most interesting period of our colonial history. In May, 1661, (Sergt. Kilbourn being in attendance,) an address to the King was presented to the Court for consideration by a committee previously appointed for that purpose. It was approved; and a

died before Frances, it is *certain* that several of the children and grandchildren of George were then living in Rowley. As George did not come to New England with the other members of the family, and as there was little or no intercourse between the people of Wethersfield and Rowley, may not his residence have been unknown, and his death without issue presumed?

committee was appointed to draw up a Petition to his Majesty, and to "compile and methodize the address as they shall judge most convenient, provided ye substance be still attended and retained." The petition and address were perfected; Governor Winthrop was appointed the Agent of the Colony to present them to the King,—and £500 were set apart for the furtherance of the great object contemplated. These measures resulted in procuring the famous Charter of 1662—by far the most liberal and republican instrument of civil government that the world at that date had ever seen. Under its benign auspices, the people of Connecticut continued to live and flourish until the adoption of our present State Constitution, in 1818—a period of 156 years. Sergeant Kilbourn was a member of the Legislature during nearly every regular and special session, from the date of the first proposition for the Address and Petition, to the time when the charter arrived in the Colony—September, 1662; and it is fair to presume that he was a deeply interested participant in those important measures that resulted in the comparative freedom of the colony in which he had laid the foundations of a Home for himself and his posterity.

At the May Session of the General Court, 1662, Sergeant Kilbourn was appointed by that body a member of the *Colonial Grand Jury*—an office which he continued to hold until the organization of the *counties*, in May, 1666. He was subsequently often a Grand Juror of Hartford county; also of Particular Courts, and Courts of Magistrates. In May, 1677, he was on the "Jury of Life and Death," at Hartford.

In town affairs, our ancestor was conspicuous for a period of nearly 40 years. Besides being a Collector, Lister and Constable, he was a Selectman for eleven years between 1657 and 1681, inclusive. During this period, a by-law was in force, providing that no person should be elected to the latter office for more than two years in succession. He also served on many important committees.

In October 1675, in the midst of the general war with King Philip, John Kilbourn petitioned the Council of War to be released from the office of Sergeant, which he had held for 18 years; and it was ordered that when Major Talcott should procure a suitable person in his place, he should be released.*

EXTRACTS FROM THE WETHERSFIELD RECORDS.

"Ye 8th of March, 1653-4.—We also ordaine that The Line betwixt Mattabosset and vs shall be Rund some time this month, and ye Townsmen [Selectmen] and Samll. Smith, John Chester, John Kilbvrne, Jo. Dickinson and Richard Chester, Junior, shall Atend ye worke vpon Munday, and to give notise to Mattaboset to meet vs at ye devident Line."

"Ye second of April, 1655.—Ye Townsmen Apointed John Kilborne and Thomas Wright to Run ye Line betwixt Hartford and Wethersfield vpon ye 2d day of next weeke. Nathl. Dickerson to give warning to the Hartford Townsmen."

"March 16, 1657.—The Townsmen have apoynted John Kilbvrn, Phillip Smitb and James Pratt to runn ye line betwixt Matabossitt and Wethersfield vpon the twenty seventh of this present March, 1657."

"April the 2d [1665-6].—The townsmen agreed with Sargt. John Killbvrne to bvrne the woods belonging to the sovth end of the towne (viz. the woods between vs and Middletowne) at svch a time or times as may be most convenient for the advantage of the towne, and they are to allow him for his paines, in this work, six shillings. At this time they also agreed with Enoch Bvck to bvrne the woods belonging to the other end of the towne," &c.—*Barber's Conn. Hist. Coll.*, p. 221.

"Feb. 1673.—It was voted and agreed that Serj. Kilburne and Mr. Willard shall be empowered hereby to manage all affaires concerning sheepe in this Towne according to law."

"Jvly 3d, 1676.—At this meeting Mr. Samll. Talcoat, Levt. John Chester, Ensigne Goodridge, Sargt. Kilbvrne and Sargt. Deming, together with the townsmen in being, were empowered to order the sitting of all persons in seats and places in the meeting hovse."—*Barber*, p. 221.

* See J. Hammond Trumbull's "Colonial Records," vol. ii, p. 375. His military rank should not be judged by the present grade of the *title* which he bore. Previous to 1653, the highest military title in the colony was that of Captain. In the year last named, the commander-in-chief of all the New England forces, in the war with the Dutch at New York, was Captain John Lawrence of Boston; Lieutenant Cook being the commander-in-chief of the Connecticut troops in that war. In the Pequot War, the General Court ordered that, on the death or disability of Captain Mason, Lieutenant Seelye should be the commander-in-chief; and in the event of *his* death or disability, the senior *Sergeant* should take the chief command.

Oct. 25, 1677.—"At the same meeting, Mr. Samuel Talcott, Lieut. Thomas Hollister, Ensign Hugh Wells, Sergt. Kilburne and Sergt. Nott, are appointed a committee in the behalfe of the Towne, to setle and determine the bounds of the Highway which leads from Widow Goaff's home lott to Midletown so far as Dividend Brooke."

"Mr. Kimberly and Sergt. Kilborne are apointed a Committee to lay out lands granted to Goodman Hunn upon the side of Rocky Hill."

"April 17, 1677.—At Towne meting, Sargt. John Kilborne, Sargt. Hugh Welles and John Beldin ware chosen a Comittee in the behalfe of the towne to deal with John Waddams and to make such an exchange of lands as they may see cause both for the benefit of the towne and for his benefit as they can agree."

"Nov. 27, 1678.—Mr. Gershom Bulkley [minister] had granted to him one hundred and fifty acres of land joyning to his land in his present possesion by his mill. Serjeant Kilburne, Mr. Eleazer Kimberly, Serjt. John Deming and Ensigne Welles are appointed, they or ye most part thereof, to lay out the same."

"March 19, 1683.—Sergt. John Kilborne and Enoch Buck were chosen a Cometee to procure a shepherd for the towne vpon as good termes as they can, who shall be paid by a sheep Rate as aforesaid, as the Comettee aforesaid and the shepherd shall agree, and also take care of what fence is needfull and necessary."

"Dec. 29, 1684.—It was also voted by the Towne, that there shall be a Shepherd imployed by the towne to keep sheep every yeare soe long as shall be needful, and the vote to stand till the towne see cause to alter it; and the Shepherd apointed is to keep all the sheep that belong to the town. And Sergt. John Kilborn and Emanuel Buck are to take care about a Shepherd and what also is needful for the said sheep, according to a voat dated March 19, 1683–4."

That Sergt. K. was a lover of "righteousness and peace," will appear from the following petition, taken from the Land Records, Vol. I, Document 182, in the office of the Secretary of State.

"To the Honored Gov. and Deputy Gov. with the Assistants and members of the General Court now sitting in Hartford. The humble petition of diverse inhabitants of Wethersfield, proprietors in the lands on the East side of the Great River in the field called Naubuck. Whereas the original landmarks between the several divisions of land in the said field now long since lost, and diverse of the proprietors (apprehending much trouble like to ensue thereupon) when the law of possession

was made, did during the time that that law was suspended, petition the General Court to appoint a Committee to lay out and limit all the several divisions of land in Naubuck aforesaid according to the original record of the town. And the said Committee did attempt to discharge the trust committed to them, but not being able to find out the south bounds of the said field, they were at a loss and never did anything to effect. And now diverse persons of the said Committee are dead, and the south bounds of the said field are found out and settled by a Committee appointed by the General Court in the case pending between Mr. Bulkeley and Mr. Hollister, whereby the settling of the bounds of the several divisions of land *according to the rules of righteousness and peace* becomes very feazible, your petitioners being very sensible of great and almost endless troubles likely to ensue to divers of the proprietors unless they will, to their great loss and damage, yield up their just and lawful right to such as will unjustly encroach upon them, do therefore humbly request the Honorable Court to appoint a new Committee to lay out all the said field according to the original record of the town, as the former General Court did appoint, and also to set down leading stakes for the just lines, as need shall require. And now hope that the Honored General Court will not make difficulty about granting our petition because of the present aspect of things, for we do not desire a new grant or title of land, but a settling of us in a judicious way according to the rules of righteousness and peace, upon what was our ancient right and property. And we do the more earnestly desire this favor of the Honored General Court at this time, because it changes threatened consequences; contentions and divisions about limits and bounds of land will inevitably be an aggravation of our trouble,—but not to trouble the Honored Court with a multiplicity of words, we subscribe ourselves your humble suppliants and servants.

JOHN KILBUREN, SEN'R.
JOSHUA ROBINS,
SAM'L WELLES,
ELEAZER KIMBERLY,
EPHRAIM GOODRICH.

*Wethersfield*, October 13, 1687."

The Response to the above Petition was made by "a General Court held at Hartford," soon after, at which Gov. Treat presided. It was ordered that "upon the petition of John Kilborn and others, that this Court would appoint a Committee to settle the bounds of their lands on the east side of the Great River at Naubuck, This Court do therefore order and appoint Serjt. John Deming, Deac. Samuel Butler,

Serjt. John Wells and Ensign Samuel Wright, to attend the said service and perfect the same according to the first and original Grants as near as they can, to begin at the south side of Capt. Talcott's lott and so to proceed as there is occasion."

Sergt. Kilbourn was married to Naomi ——, in 1650; she died, October 1, 1659, leaving three children, viz., John, Thomas, and Naomi. He then married Sarah, daughter of Mr. John Bronson, of Farmington, by whom he had Ebenezer, Sarah, George, Mary, Joseph, and Abraham. He departed this life on the 9th of April, 1703, in his 79th year—or, as the Wethersfield Record quaintly expresses it, "of his age about 80 years, as nigh as could be come at." Sarah, his widow, died on the 4th of December, 1711, "aged 70 years, or something more," as the record has it.

"LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN KILBOURN, SEN'R.

"I, JOHN KILBOURN, Senior, of Wethersfield, in the County of Hartford, in his majesties Territories of New England, yeoman, being at present firme in my senses and understanding, do appoint this my last Will and Testament, in manner following:—*Imp's.* I bequeath my Soul into the hands of my most mercifull Redeemer, hopeing for his merit's sake to find acceptance with God, and a Joyfull Resurrection, my body to be buried in a Christian manner according to the discretion of mine Executors hereinafter named.—I give and bequeath to my Sonn, JOHN KILBOURN, besides what I have formerly given and settled on him, and on his heirs and assignes, my whole right and title to that Tract of Land sometime since purchased of the Indians, on the East side of the great River; also I give to my said Sonn, John, my great bible and one great booke of Mr. Perkins his works.—I give and bequeath to my Sonn, THOMAS KILBOURN, and to his heirs and assignes forever, the remainder of my Land in Naubuck, both meadow, swamp, and uppland, and Six pounds in Current Country pay, to be paid by my Executors hereafter named within two years after my decease.—I give and bequeath to my daughter, NAOMI HALE, (besides what I have formerly given her,) my Silver beaker and one pair of Sheets, to be delivered her by my Executors at my decease. My will is that my present Loveing wife, Sarah Kilbourn, shall enjoy and possess one half of my houseing and Home lott abutting on the broad street East, and one third part of my Lands lyeing on the west side of the great River, dureing the time of her nat-

urall Life.—I give to my Sonn, EBENEZER KILBOURN, and to his heirs and assignes forever, one half of my houseing and home lott facing against the broad street, to be to him and to his heirs or assignes, at my decease, and the other half of the same to him and to his heirs or assignes forever, at the decease of his mother, Sarah Kilbourn. Also one half of mine Eight acree Lott at the pond at the Upper end of the great Meadow, and one fourth part of my Land in the Wett Swamp, and one fourth part of my Long Lott at the Town's End. That is to say, he or his heirs or assignes to enjoy two thirds of those lands at my decease, and the rest at the decease of his mother aforesaid.—I give and bequeath to my daughter, SARAH CRANE, (besides what I have already given her,) the Sum of fifteen pounds, in goods, corn, or Chattells, to be apprized as Country pay, to be paid within two years after my decease.—I give and bequeath to my Sonn, GEORGE KILBOURN, my house and Home lott faceing against Bell Lane, which I have purchased of my Sonn Ebenezer, and one half of my Eight acree Lott at the upper end of the great meadow, and one fourth part of my Land in the Wett Swamp, and one fourth part of my Long Lott at the Town's End. That is to say, he to enjoy two thirds of those lands at the age of Twenty and one years. And he, my said Sonn George, his heirs or assignes, to enjoy and possess the rest forever at the decease of his mother, Sarah Kilbourn. I also give my said Sonn George, one silver Spoon marked G M: G K, provided he shall pay Tenn pounds to my daughter, Mary Kilbourn, in Country pay, within four years after my decease, and Twenty shillings in like Country pay to his brother, Thomas Kilbourn, within the same time. —I give and bequeath to my daughter, MARY KILBOURN, the Summ of Thirty and Eight pounds in Country pay, whereof her brother George is to pay tenn pounds as above exprest, and Twenty and Eight pounds to be paid to her by my Executors hereafter named, in goods or Chattells apprized as Country pay, within two years after my decease, or after her marriage.—I give and bequeath to my Sonn, JOSEPH KILBOURN, and to his heirs and assignes forever, the one half of my Land at the Whirlpools in the great Meadow, and half my Land at Mile Meadow, and half my Land at Beaver Meadow, and one fourth part of my Land at Wett Swamp, and one fourth part of my Long Lott at the Town's End. That is to say, he, his heirs or assignes, to enjoy two thirds of those Lands at the age of Twenty and one years, and the rest at his mother's decease; he also shall pay twenty shillings to his brother, Thomas Kilbourn, within one year after he enjoys the same.—I give and bequeath to my Sonn, ABRAHAM KILBOUUN, and to his heirs or assignes forever, half my Land at the Whirlpools in the great meadow, and half my Land at Mile Meadow, and half my Land at Beaver Meadow, and one fourth part of my Land at Wett Swamp, and one fourth part of my Lott at the Town's

End. That is to say, he as aforesaid to enjoy two thirds of said Lands at the age of Twenty and one years, and the rest at his mother's decease; also, one heiffer, he paying Twenty shillings to his brother, Thomas Kilbourn, in Country pay, within one year after he shall possess the same. I give to those two last mamed Sonns, vizt., Joseph and Abraham, my Fifty Acree Lott in the Equall Division, to be to them, their heirs or assignes forever; my will is that they divide the same equally between them.—Lastly, I give and bequeath all the rest of my Moveable Estate, goods, Corn, or Chattells, whatsoever, to my Loveing wife, Sarah Kilbourn, Shee paying all my just debts and Legacies. And I do nominate and appoint my said beloved wife and my Sonn Ebenezer to be the Executors of my last Will and Testament, to whome I give the power of dividing my Lands to my Sonns respectively, as above exprest. In witness that this is my last Will and Testament, revokeing and makeing void all former Wills whatsoever, I have here unto set my hand and seal, this twenty-fourth day of September, in the yeare of our Lord, One Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Eight, and in the fourth yeare of the reign of our Sovereign Lord, James the Second, by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, &c.

JOHN KILBOURN. [SEAL.]

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in presence of the Witnesses,

SAMUELL BOREMAN,
SAMUELL BUTLAR.

# GENERATION III.

## CHILDREN OF SERGT. JOHN KILBOURN.

JOHN, (the ancestor of all the Kilbourns of the Glastenbury Branch,) was born in Wethersfield on the 15th of February, 1651; married Susannah Hills, daughter of William Hills, on the 4th of March, 1673, and soon after settled "on the east side of the Great River," in what was then called Naubuck, now Glastenbury. He was admitted a Freeman, October 13th, 1681. On the list of Town Officers of Wethersfield and Glastenbury his name frequently occurs. He was a "fence-viewer for the east side of the Great River" in 1685, 1689, &c. In 1690, the people of Naubuck petitioned the General Court to be made a distinct town; and their prayer was soon after granted. In 1691, the subject of this notice was chosen one of the Listers of the town of Wethersfield; in 1693 and in 1708, he was a Selectman of Glastenbury; in 1696 and 1705, he was a Constable; and in 1710, he was chosen a Lister. He was a Grand Juror of Hartford County in 1695, 1700, 1703, and at other times.

On the 22d of October, 1692, (soon after the settlement of the Rev. Timothy Stevens, the first minister of Glastenbury,) he gave a parcel of land for a parsonage, as follows:

"I, the said John Kilburn, for divers causes and considerations him thereunto moving, and chiefly and principally for the good affection that he beareth unto Timothy Stevens of the said Town and place, and to promote his settlement in the work of the Ministry of the Gospel, in the

said town of Glassonbury, hath given," &c.; said land was "bounded east, west, and north, on his land, and south on his Father's Serjt. John Kilburn's land," &c.

*Town Meeting, Glastenbury, Jan.* 9, 1692–3.—"Serjt. Samuel Wells, Joseph Smith, and John Kilburn, were appointed a Committee to carry on the whole work of building the said house for the Rev. Mr. Stephens."

"At a Town meeting held at Glastonbury, March 22, 1696, It was voted, that John Kilburn should have half a mile square of Land adjoining to the Candlewood plain."

The following is the list of Grand Jurors of Hartford county, appointed and sworn April 1, 1695, viz.—Deac. John Wilson, William Pitkin, John Catlin, George Griswold, Benjamin Newbury, Samuel Gibbs, Henry Buck, Ebenezer Kilbourn, Thomas Porter, John Hart, Peter Buel, John Hall, John Kilbourn, Timothy Stanley, Daniel Cone.

Susannah, wife of John Kilbourn, died October, 1701, aged 50; and on the 12th day of May, 1702, he was married to Elizabeth, daughter of John Mitchell, of Hartford. He departed this life on the 25th of November, 1711; his wife, Elizabeth, d. June 8, 1718. The children of John and Susannah were, Susannah, John, Ebenezer, Jonathan, Benjamin, David, and Abraham.

"LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN KILBOURN, SEN'R., LATE OF GLASSENBURY, DECEASED.

"In the name of God, Amen. I, JOHN KILBOURN, Sen'r, of the Town of Glastenbury, in the County of Hartford, in the Colony of Connecticut, in New England. Knowing that it is appointed for men once to die, and considering the uncertainty as to the time of death, withall knowing it to be the Will of God, who in his tender visitation calls upon me to set my house in order before I die, and I being (though weak in body) yet of perfect and sound understanding and memory, and of disposing mind, Praise be to Almighty God, Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping through the merits of Christ to obtain free pardon of all my sins and to inherit Eternal Life, and my body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named; and concerning my outward Estate, since the Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, to him therefore belongs the Praise that I possess in this kind; and as for the portion thereof that he hath given me, it is my mind and Will that after my decease, the

same may be disposed of as followeth. *Imprimis.* I Will that my just debts and funeral charges, be well and truly paid and discharged. Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife, Elizabeth Kilbourn, the sole benefit and improvement of my Dwelling House, and the improvement of three quarters of my Barn, as also the use and improvement of three quarters of my meadow and uplands, with the use and benefit of my Orchard, all being in Glastenbury aforesaid, and she to have the use of the same during her natural life. I also give unto my said Wife, the one half of my moveable estate, also all the Estate that was her own before I married her, to be forever at her own use and disposal. I also give to my said Wife, one Cow, also so much of my provisions of all sorts whatsoever, as may be for her comfortable subsistence the year ensuing. *Item.* I give unto my son, JOHN KILBOURN, all my Land that is Eastward of the Land that I give to my son David, That is to say, the East End of my farm in Glastenbury aforesaid, bounded upon my said son David's land West, and undivided land East, lands of Thomas Kilbourn, Sen., South, and lands of Samuel Hale, North, to be to him my said son John, and to his heirs and assigns forever. I also give unto my said son John, Mr. Perkin's Book, with a share of my other small books, to be at his own disposing forever. *Item.* I give unto my son EBENEZER KILBOURN, Mrs. Taylor's book on Titus, a share in the small books, a share of the moveables, to be at his own disposing forever—having regard to what moveables he hath already had. *Item.* I give unto my son, JONATHAN KILBOURN, all my labor which I laid out upon the lands in Colchester, which he now possesses and enjoys, vizt., the clearing of three acres of land, with all the Posts and rails, and a Frame, to be to him and to his heirs and assigns forever. Also Mr. Elton's Sermon book, with a share of my small books and remaining moveables, having regard to what moveables he hath already had. *Item.* I give unto my son, BENJAMIN KILBOURN, my pasture land, butting East upon a highway lately laid out by the Town, if said Highway is improved, but if not, to butt upon my said son David's lot, and West upon my upland field, North upon the said Samuel Hale, and South upon Joseph Hill, Sen.—Provided he returns home to settle upon it, and if he return not home, and settle as aforesaid, then the same shall be equally divided between my four sons, viz., John, Ebenezer, David and Abraham, to be to them and their heirs forever. I also give unto my said son, Benjamin, Mr. Hooker's book, with a share of my moveables, to be at his disposal forever. *Item.* I give unto my said son, DAVID KILBOURN, one half mile in length of my said Farm in Glastenbury, to butt West upon said Highway lately laid out by the Town as aforesaid, if said Highway be improved, if not, then to butt upon my said pasture hereby given to my said son Benjamin, and to extend Eastward half a mile, butting East upon Land I now

give to my said son John, North upon said Samuel Hale, and South on said Thomas Kilbourn, and partly upon said Joseph Hill, to be to him and to his heirs and assigns forever. I also give my said son David, my Great Bible and a share of my moveables, to be to his disposing forever. *Item.* I give to my son ABRAHAM KILBOURN, my Dwelling House, Barn and Orchard, with all my meadow land within said Town of Glastenbury, and my upland from the pasture aforesaid to the meadow, to be to him and to his heirs forever, after my said Wife shall be deceased, he having the use of one quarter part of my said House, Barn, Orchard, Meadow and Upland, during her natural life, if she needeth it not for her comfortable subsistance. I also give unto my said son Abraham, Mrs. Fox's book of Time, &c., and Mrs. Doolittle's book of the Lord's Supper, with a share of the moveables, to be at his disposing forever, and also my Horse Colt, to be to him forever. Further, it is my mind and Will, That such of my Children as have their share of my Housing and lands, may sell their shares to none, save to other or some other of their Brethren. Further it is my mind and Will that my Debts be paid by my Executors in manner following, (viz.,) one half of my moveables being set out to my beloved Wife, in such things as may be most for her comfort and subsistence, my debts to be paid out of the remaining part or half, and when my debts are paid, what remains of moveable Estate to be equally divided between my aforementioned sons, Ebenezer, Jonathan, Benjamin, David and Abraham, always accounting that what estate my said Wife brought with her when I married her, be not deemed my Estate. And further, it is my Will, that my said sons, Benjamin, David and Abraham, shall yield a convenient way for Horse and man, to, and from, and through each others' Land, as well for their advantage as for the advantage and ease of my said son John, that he may pass to his Land, which in this my Last Will and Testament, I have given unto him, unless the aforesaid Highway laid out lately by the Town shall be improved for that end, and then if the Town shall make use of that Highway, my son David shall only and alone be obliged to yield to John a convenient way for horse and man, to his own land as aforesaid. Further it is my Will, that my son John shall not deter or hinder any of my other sons from cutting and carrying off wood from his land, so long as the same shall lie unfenced. Lastly, I appoint my beloved Wife, and my beloved son Abraham Kilbourn, to be my Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In testimony that this is my last Will and Testament, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ten, and in the ninth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne, Queen over England, &c.

JOHN KILBORN, SEN. [SEAL]

Signed and Sealed in presence of

SAMUEL SMITH, MARY SMITH, PHILIP ALCOCK.

2. Sergt. THOMAS was born in Wethersfield in 1653, and settled at Hoccanum, on the east side of the river, then within the limits of the town of Hartford. His wife was a daughter of William Hills of Glastenbury. He was a landholder in Hartford as early as 1677; and was "Surveyor for the East side of the Great River" in 1684, 1689, and 1702; he was also a fence-viewer, Selectman, Grand Juror, &c. He was one of those residents on the east side of the river, who, in February 1696, signed "a solemn covenant" to walk in the ordinances of the Lord.

"At a Town Meeting held in Hartford, December 19th, 1700: Voted the Selectmen, Zechariah Sanford, Mr. Nath'l Hooker, Mr. Ichabod Wells, John Merrill, Sen'r, Serjeant Thomas Kilbourn."—*Town Records*, Vol. I, p. 277.

"Grand Jurors appointed and sworn for the County of Hartford, for the year 1703, are as followeth, vizt.: John Marsh, Sen., John Shepard, Sen., and Thomas Kilbourn, in Hartford; Lieut. Benjamin Churchill and Samuel Bourman, in Wethersfield; Lieut. Job Drake, Henry Styles and Henry Wolcott, in Windsor; Samuel Porter and Samuel Brunson, in Farmington; Izariah Wetmore, in Middletown; John Kilbourn, in Glastenbury; Samuel Humphrey, in Simsbury; Robert Hibbard, in Windham; and Thomas Hickock, in Waterbury."—*Colony Records.*

"An Inferior Court of Pleas, holden at Hartford, for the County of Hartford, Nov. 3, 1703;—Present, John Chester, Esq., John Haynes and Thomas Hart, Esquires, Justices.

"Upon the motion of the Reverend Mr. Timothy Stevens and Lieut. Samuel Hale of Glastenbury: The Court do appoint Lieut. Jonathan Hills, Mr. Joseph Olmsted, and Serjeant Thomas Kilbourn of Hartford, a Committee to view the ground from Mr. Kimberly's in Glastenbury aforesaid, to see where a convenient Highway may be laid out down toward Nayoge and so to Middletown; and that they return an account of their doings thereon to this Court in March next, at the charge of the town of Glastenbury."

He died in 1712, leaving no will. The only children mentioned in the settlement of his estate were John (the administrator,) and Thomas, Jr.

3. NAOMI, was married to Thomas Hale, in Wethersfield, October 30, 1679, by Capt. John Chester, Commissioner. Her children were—

(I.) NAOMI HALE, b. Sept. 20, 1680; m. John Gains.

(II.) MARY HALE, b. Nov. 20, 1682; m. Edward Benton, Oct. 16, 1702.

(III.) THOMAS HALE, b. Jan. 26, 1684; m. Marcy ——, who died in 1719;* his second wife was Susannah Smith, to whom he was m. Jan. 11, 1722.

(IV.) RUTH HALE, m. Benjamin Hollister.

(V.) EUNICE HALE, m. Ebenezer Kilbourn.

(VI.) TIMOTHY HALE, b. 1692; m. Sarah ——; d. in 1784.

4. EBENEZER, was born in Wethersfield, in 1665; and was married to Grace Bulkley, daughter of Peter Bulkley, and grand-daughter of the Rev. Gershom Bulkley, Sept. 20, 1692, by Samuel Wyllys, Esq. He was a Lister of Wethersfield in 1694; a Constable in 1706 and 1707; and a Grand Juror of Hartford County in 1703 and in 1705. In 1698, and several times afterwards, Ebenezer Kilbourn and Isaac Riley were chosen "sheep masters."

On the 27th of February 1703, the town voted to fortify six houses for purposes of defense against the Indians. Of one of these forts, Corporal Ebenezer Kilbourn was appointed a guard or commander.

FROM THE WETHERSFIELD TOWN RECORDS.

"Att a Town Meeting held in Wethersfield, August ye 10th, 1694, were chosen Listers for this present yeare,—Benjamin Churchill, Ebenezer Kilbourn, John Stodart and John Riley."

"Dec. ye 17th, 1694.—Agreement made between the Selectmen of ye town of Wethersfield in ye behalf of ye town, and Ebenezer Kilbourn of ye aforesaid Wethersfield: Know ye that Ebenezer Kilbourn has taken ye plain gate to make and maintain in good repair, and also a full length of fence on ye south and a short length of fence on ye north of ye gate; ye said Kilbourn dos covenant for himself and his successors, that they and each of them shall from time to time and at all times make and maintain ye aforesaid gate, posts, Iron and fence, in good repair. In consideration whereof the Selectmen in ye behalf of ye town, free said Kilbourn from making and maintaining nine rods and a quarter of meddow fence, which said fence was part of his or his father's proportion to

* The tombstone still standing over her remains in the graveyard in Glastenbury, bears the following inscription, viz.:—"Here lyeth the body of Mrs. Marcy Hale, the wife of Mr. Thomas Hale, Jun., who deceased August the 21st, 1719, aged 38 years.

"Here lies one whose Life's thread 's cut assunder,
She was striked dead by a clap of Thunder."

make and maintain for lands included within ye meddow fence; to the true performance of which we doe subscribe our names ye day above written. EBENEZER KYLBORN.

JOHN CHESTER,
MICHEL GRISWOLD,
JOHN CURTIS,
WM. WARNER,
J. ROBBINS. } Selectmen."

Dec. 23, 1695.—"Clark Churchill, John Stoddart and Ebenezer Kilbourn, are chosen a committee to lay out to Joseph and Thomas Belding twenty acres of land, according to the tenor of their grant."

April 3, 1698.—"At a town meeting it was voted, That Obadiah Dickerson, Ebenezer Killburn and Benjamin Gilburd be chosen a committee to take care to make or repair the Bridge at the Town's End."

Dec. 28, 1702.—"Sergt. Moses Crafts, Sergt. James Buck and Ebenezer Kilborn are chosen a committee to procure a school-master for the year ensuing, as the law in the matter directs."

Dec. 18, 1710.—"Corporal Ebenezer Kilborn and Sergt. Nathaniel Stodert and William Warner, Jr., are appointed Surveyors."

The annexed petition to the General Court, containing the names of Ebenezer Kilbourn and two of his brothers, is well worthy of preservation here, manifesting, as it does, a filial attachment to and preference for their own Government, over that of a colony which was under the rule of a Royal Governor.

"To the Honorable General Assembly set at Hartford, May 11, 1682. The petition of Richard Smith, Benjamin Crane, Jun'r, Edward Benton, John Brownson, Thomas Marshall, John Hunniwell, Caleb Benjamin, Samuel Smith, Joseph Smith, Ezekiel Buck, John Waddams, Will Tryon, John Kilburne, Jun'r, Thomas Kilburne, Ebenezer Kilburne, Daniel Bourman, Jonathan Bourman, Jonathan Belden, John Taylor, Samuel Taylor, Jonathan Colafoxie, Peter Blin, Joseph Curtis, Thomas Hale, John Hale, Alexander Keny, John Hollister, Will Taylor, John Morris, and Samuel Baker—Humbly Sheweth; That whereas some of your petitioners and some other persons have lately taken a view of the Wabaquasset Country* in order to the Discovery and settlement of a plantation there, and do apprehend that a competent plantation may there be

* The "*Wabaquasset Country*" included the south part of the present town of Woodstock, Conn., and the region adjacent. It was inhabited by a tribe of savages called the "Wabaquasset Indians."

found—Your petitioners do therefore humbly request that this Assembly will please to grant unto them and such as shall join with them, a Township (or lands for a Town,) ten miles square; and also afford them such other instructions and privileges as may enlarge and enable them the better to go through the difficulties of such an Inland plantation as that will be. And forasmuch as it is doubtful whether the land which they have discovered and on which they desire to settle, will fall within this Colony or the Bay, and your petitioners are not willing to remove themselves from under this Government, they do therefore further request that this Honorable Assembly will please to take some course to settle the line between this Colony and the Bay; which being done, (and not before) they shall adventure, (if it fall within this Colony,) with this Assembly's leave, to proceed upon the aforementioned undertaking. And your petitioners shall ever pray."*—*Lands, Vol. I, p. 195, in the Secretary of State's office.*

Ebenezer Kilbourn died, without a will, December 17, 1711. His children were Grace, Ebenezer, Eleazer, Josiah, Daniel, Margaret, Sarah, and George.

5. SARAH, was married to Joseph Crane, December 16, 1684. Her children were Sarah, Hannah, Benjamin, Joseph, Hester and David.

6. GEORGE, was born in Wethersfield in 1668. May 16th, 1689, he was married to Abigail, daughter of Capt. Tho. Atwood, by Samuel Talcott, Assistant. Their children—George, Israel, Abigail, Hezekiah, and Pelatiah. He was successively a Collector of Taxes, member of the School Committee, Surveyor of Lands, Grand Juror, Constable, and Selectman. He was a man of wealth, and was much employed in public business. On the Town and Colonial Records his name is usually found with the prefix of "*Mr.*"—then a title of much dignity. Two of his sons, Hezekiah and Pelatiah, were graduated at Yale College.

FROM THE COLONIAL RECORDS, IN HARTFORD.

"May 8, 1712.—This Assembly do appoint Mr. *George Kilbourn*, of Wethersfield, to lay out a tract of land to the heirs of John Wadsworth, Esq., of Farmington, deceased, and the heirs of Lieut. Samuel Steel, of said Wethersfield, deceased, according to a former grant of this Assembly, bearing date May 12, 1687."

* "Referred to the Governor and Council."

"Oct. 14, 1714.—This Assembly appoint Roger Wolcott, Esq., of Windsor, Mr. John Plumb of New London, and Mr. *George Kilbourn* of Wethersfield, or any two of them, a Committee to run a Line agreed upon by Committees from the Town of Glastenbury and the Town of Hebron, for the East bounds of said Glastenbury and the West bounds of said Hebron, and make report thereof to this Assembly in May next."

"May 8, 1722.—Cost allowed the Selectmen of Wethersfield, viz., William Goodrich, *George Kilbourn*, Benjamin Smith and David Wright, for attendance at this Assembly to answer the petition from Farmington against Thomas Bird, Nathaniel Wadsworth, Daniel Judd and Thomas Stanley, Petitioners."

FROM THE WETHERSFIELD RECORDS.

"April 19, 1703.—A committee of ye old society in Wethersfield, and *George Kilbourn*, agreed to divide ye fence between said Kilbourn's Home lott and ye burying ground."

"December 14, 1709.—Capt. Thomas Wells, Sergt. John Curtis and Mr. *George Kilbourn*, are chosen a Comette for the settlement of the Line with our Neighbors of Hartford, between the stone F N in Pennywise and the great River."

"December 24, 1712.—*George Kilbourn* was chosen Surveyor of Lands for the year ensuing." "At same meeting it was voted yt Lieut. Churchill, Sergt. Latimore and George Kilborn shall be a Comitte to Run and settle ye Line between ye Westfield Lots and ye Comon or Sequestered Land."

"Whereas, There was a tract of land granted to ye householders of Wethersfield at a Town Meeting held in said town February 2, 1670; and whereas James Wright making it appear by his attorney yt his father was an householder in Wethersfield at ye time of ye grant aforesaid; It is at this meeting, held in Wethersfield December 24, 1712, agreed by vote yt James Wright shall have a fifty-two acre Lot layd out to him which was given to his father, James Wright, as aforesaid. And at this meeting the town doe make choys of Lieut. Ephraim Goodrich, *George Kilbourn*, and John Russell, to be a committee to lay out ye aforesaid fifty-two acre Lot to ye said James Wright, and to make Report thereof to ye next Town Meeting, that it be recorded."

"1714.—Whereas *George Kilbourn* refusing to take the Grand Juror's oath, Joshua Robbins, 3d, was chosen one of the Grand Jurors in his room, and took the oath at the same time with Sergt. Will Burnham."

"December 30, 1717.—Also, then voted that Mr. *George Kilbourn* shall have ye whole power to seat all persons in ye meeting house in Wethersfield."

"Voted, That the present Selectmen shall seat the said George Kilbourn."

It had been previously "Voted, That the seating-committee shall have the following instructions or grounds of advancement, viz., 1. Age. 2. Dignity of Descent. 3. Place of Public Trust. 4. Pious disposition and behavior. 5. Estate. 6. Peculiar serviceableness in any kind."

"August 6, 1722.—A tax is laid to be expended in purchasing a Town Stock of Ammunition; and said stock, when purchased, together with what the town hath already in hand, shall be delivered into ye care and keeping of Mr. *George Kilbourn* by ye present Selectmen, he, ye said Kilbourn, giving sufficient Bond for ye delivery thereof unto ye Selectmen for ye time being, upon their, or ye major part of their demand."

"Dec. 9, 1728.—Also voted at said meeting, yt ye present Selectmen be a Committee in ye behalf of the town, to agree with Mr. *George Kilbourn*, either by themselves or their substitutes, on a Recompence for ye Damage done by turning ye Brook across his Pasture near Penny-Wise."

The inscription upon his tombstone, which is still standing in the Wethersfield graveyard, is as follows: "Here lies the Body of Mr. George Kilborn, who died February 8, 1741, in the 73d year of his age." Abigail, his wife, died Feb. 8, 1739–40, aged 71.

7. MARY.—I have not been able to ascertain anything relating to her history.

8. JOSEPH, was born in Wethersfield about the year 1672, and was married to Dorathy, daughter of Deac. Samuel Butler, June 4, 1696, by Capt. John Chester, Commissioner. She having died on the 19th of August, 1709, he was married, a second time, to Hester, daughter of Jacob Gibbs, of Windsor, June 29, 1710, by Col. Mathew Allyn, Assistant. The children of Joseph and Dorathy were, Dorathy, Joseph, Jonathan and James; the children of Joseph and Hester were, Benjamin, Hester, Elizabeth and Mary.

He was one of the first settlers of Litchfield, having been admitted an inhabitant of that town on the 12th of December, 1721. At the next annual Town Meeting, (holden Dec. 17, 1722,) he was chosen a Selectman, his colleagues being John Stodder and Nathaniel Horsford. At an ad-

journed meeting holden on the 26th of the same month, he was appointed, with two others, "a committee for building the meeting-house." He was also a Lister, Moderator of Town Meetings, and Sealer of Weights and Measures. In June, 1728, and in September, 1742, he was Moderator of Proprietors' Meetings.

FROM THE LITCHFIELD RECORDS.

*Town Meeting, April* 6, 1725.—"Voted, That Lieut. John Buel, and Nathaniel Hosford state the bounds of Bantam Swamp and Flooded Land, in order to laying out the same; and if said Hosford and Buel cannot agree, then *Joseph Kilborn* is to be the third man to help in said work."

"At a Meeting of the Inhabitants or Householders of the Town of Litchfield, upon the 10th day of May, 1725, it was then voted and agreed that there shall forthwith be erected one good and substantial Mount, or place convenient for Sentinels to stand in, for the better discovery of the enemy, and for the safety of said Sentinels when upon their watch and ward: That is to say, one Mount at each of the four Forts that were agreed upon, and one already built in said Town—which Mounts shall be built upon the Town's cost, by order and at the discretion of such men as the Town shall appoint to oversee and carry on the above said work.

"At the same Meeting, Voted, That *Joseph Kilborn* shall take the care of building the Mount at the North Fort; and Samuel Culver shall take the care of building the Mount at the East Fort; and Jacob Griswold at the West Fort; and Joseph Bird at the South Fort."

For the following accounts of the lands of Joseph Kilborn, and their location, I am indebted to Geo. C. Woodruff, Esq., the Historian of Litchfield.

"Samuel Lewis and John Man were original proprietors of the town of Litchfield, owning each one-sixtieth part of the township. Jan. 11, 1719–'20, Lewis conveyed his right to Thomas Treadway; and Dec. 8, 1721, Treadway conveyed the same to Joseph Kilborn, a part of which right had already been surveyed and set out, viz., a fifteen acre home-lot on the corner where the County House and Jail now stand, and extending north 80 rods, (probably to about where Miss Pierce's house now stands,) and west thirty rods in breadth; also, a twenty acre division on the corner above, where Rev. Dr. Beecher formerly resided, extending

north fifty-four rods and west sixty rods.* July 30, 1720, John Man conveyed his right to James Pike, and May 23, 1722, Pike conveyed the same to Joseph Kilborn.

"Our East and West street formerly run straight westerly till it came to a highway once running north past the dwelling of Mr. Alfred Peck. The corner lot was bounded south by the street running west through our village, and west on the highway running north from Peck's, and was surveyed to Joseph Peat; and the lot next east, being 30 rods in width and extending north 80 rods, was surveyed to Man, by him conveyed to Pike, and by Pike to Joseph Kilborn.

"The 20 acre division belonging to Joseph Kilborn, under Man's right, was bounded east on Bantam river and south on highway; it embraced the land lying north of the East Burying-Ground—the Burying-Ground lying mostly in the original highway.

"Joseph Kilborn having thus purchased the original rights of Lewis and Man, had sundry lots surveyed to him under those rights; *each* right entitled him to something like *seven hundred acres* of land. The surveys next after the 20 acre divisions, were lots of 60 acres each. Sixty acres were set off to Joseph Kilborn on the hill west of "Butternut brook;" 60 acres on and east of the east branch of Bantam river, "at a place called Lock Hill;" 100 acres half a mile eastward of the south end of the Great Pond; 100 acres "on the east side of Bantam river." I cannot more particularly state the location of these lands. Sundry smaller divisions were made from time to time, and Joseph Kilborn purchased from time to time of others. It is probable that the whole of his rights were not surveyed to him during his life. He owned considerable land in Fat Swamp; 20 acres on Chesnut Hill, bought of Culver, &c.

"In relation to the place of residence of Joseph Kilborn, I find that on the 19th of October, 1723, he conveyed to Joseph Kilborn, Jr., "half of that home-lot which *my dwelling house standeth upon*, bounded as followeth—south upon my own land, east upon the highway, north upon Wm. Goodrich, and west upon John Buel." This was the home-lot on the County House corner.†

His Will, (omitting the preamble, which is very similar in form to those already printed,) bears date "in the Eleventh

* On this corner, in the house which is still standing thereon, were born Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, and other members of Dr. Beecher's family.

† On this "Home Lot" have since lived Gen. Uriah Tracy, U. S. Senator; Col. Benjamin Tallmadge, M. C.; Hon. James Gould, LL.D.; Hon. Elisha Sheldon; Maj. Gen. Elijah Wadsworth; Hon. Uriel Holmes, M. C., &c. The house erected by Mr. James Kilborn on the lot referred to, about the year 1760, is still standing.

year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, George the Second, Anno Domini, 1737," and is as follows:—

"*Imp's.* I give and bequeath to Esther K., my dearly beloved Wife, my *gray pacing mare*, and one milch cow.

"*Item.* I give and bequeath to my three daughters, Dorathy wife of Joseph Birge, Esther, wife of Samuel Smedley, and Elizabeth, wife of Isaac Catlin, Ten Shillings apiece, that being the complement of what I design for their portion of my estate.

"*Item.* I give and bequeath to my son, Jonathan Kilborn, Twenty Acres of land, viz., the last Twenty Acre Division granted and drawn for upon the right of land in Litchfield.

"*Item.* I give and bequeath to my two sons, Joseph and James Kilborn, their heirs and assignes, all the remaining part of my estate, both real and personal, to be equally divided between them, the said Joseph and James Kilborn; always provided that they, the said Joseph and James Kilborn, shall comfortably and decently provide for me and my wife both in sickness and health, for the whole term of our naturall lives. Furthermore, I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons, Joseph and James Kilborn, Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I do by these presents disallow and revoke all other former Wills and Testaments, ratifying and confirming this and no other, as my last Will and Testament, in virtue whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above mentioned.

JOSEPH KYLLBORN." [SEAL.]

The above Will was "witnessed" by Rev. Timothy Collens, Elizabeth Collens, and Thomas Lamson; and was proved before the Court in 1744, which renders it probable that Joseph Kilborn died in that year.

9. ABRAHAM, was born at Wethersfield in 1675, and was married on the 26th of October, 1699, to Sarah, daughter of Mr. John Goodrich, by Rev. Stephen Mix. His children were Samuel, Sarah and Abraham.

"Jan. ye 14, 1696-7.—Lands belonging to Abraham Kilburn and unto his heirs and assignes forever, Lying in Wethersfield on Connecticut River, which he had by Deed of Gift from his father, Serjt. John Kilburn, as itt appears by his Deed dated Dec. 12, 1696, signed and sealed by Serjt. Kilburn, and witnessed by John Chester and Jonathan Belding, and acknowledged by Capt. John Chester, Commissioner: One piece lying in Middle Pasture in the west field—the ends abutt on Serjt. John

Kilburn east, and a highway west, on Joseph Kilburn north, and Daniel Borman south. Another piece lying in the Woods, is part of that Land which fell to Serjt. K. in the division of Land in 1698—the ends abutt on the Common east and west, the sides against Lands of Ebenezer Kilburn north, and David Baldoff (?) south."

"Town Meeting, Wethersfield. Dec. ye 20, 1708.—Clark Borman, Serjt. Samuel Buck, and Abraham Kilborn, were chosen Listers for ye next yeare."

He departed this life, March 9, 1712–13; and the Inventory on his estate was taken on the 27th of the month following. Among the items mentioned in his inventory, are, "arms and ammunition," "two horses and a mare," "one mansion house," "English Goods to be sold," "carpenters' tools," etc.; from the last two mentioned items, it may be inferred that he was both a merchant and a carpenter.*

Sarah, the widow of Abraham Kilborn, m. Thomas Boardman, of Wethersfield, Oct. 15, 1718, and died Oct. 17, 1719.

* It is worthy of remark, that all of the six sons of Sergt. John Kilbourn were men of note in the several towns in which they resided, viz., 1. John was a Selectman, Lister and Constable in *Glastenbury;* 2. Thomas was a Selectman and Grand Juror in *Hartford;* 3. Ebenezer was a Lister, Grand Juror, and Constable in *Wethersfield;* 4. George was a Selectman, Constable, and Grand Juror in *Wethersfield;* 5. Joseph was a Selectman, Constable and Lister in *Litchfield;* 6. Abraham was a Lister in *Wethersfield.*

# GENERATION IV.

CHILDREN OF JOHN KILBOURN, OF GLASTENBURY.

SUSANNAH, born February 4, 1674; died May 7, 1685.

2. JOHN, b. in Glastenbury, Oct. 30, 1677; m. Sarah Kimberly, January 25, 1699. Their children were Samuel, John, Sarah and Benjamin. He was chosen a Surveyor of Glastenbury in 1710. Sarah, his wife, died December 25, 1713. He removed to Springfield, Mass., where he was married to Mercy Day, Sept., 1720.* The children of John and Mercy Kilborn, as recorded upon the Springfield Town Records, were—Rachel, b. July 8, 1721; David, b. March 3, 1724; Mercy, b. Nov. 14, 1725. The precise date of the death of John Kilborn, I have not been able to ascertain. It must have occurred some time previous to Sept. 5, 1738, as his widow, Mercy Kilborn, was married at that date to Thomas Horton of Springfield.

3. EBENEZER, b. in Glastenbury, March 10, 1679; m. Sarah Fox, June 1st, 1798, and had children, Susannah, Ebenezer, Richard, Sarah, Josiah, Elizabeth, Gideon, Amos, Naomi, and David. Sarah, his wife, having died Oct. 18, 1714, he m. Elizabeth Davis, of Hartford, May 4, 1715, and

* "It appears," writes Sylvester Judd, Esq., of Northampton, "that John Kilborn, of Springfield, and Prudence Baker of Northampton, were published in April, 1720; but for some reason they were not married. She married John Alvord, in August, 1721. She was born in 1689, and was, of course, an "old maid" in 1720. From her age and other circumstances, I conclude that the John Kilborn who courted Prudence Baker was the same John Kilborn who married Mercy Day after a short courtship."

by her had sons, James, Thomas, (and probably) John, Benjamin, and Gershom—the three last named being b. in Morris county, N. J., where Ebenezer (the father) d. about 1732.

4. JONATHAN, b. in Glastenbury, Sept. 17, 1681, and settled in Colchester in 1707, where he was living in 1755. He was admitted as a Joint Proprietor of that town in 1713; and was appointed "Way Warden" in 1715, 1727, &c. He had children, Jonathan, Hezekiah and Elizabeth.

5. BENJAMIN, b. in Glastenbury, March 30, 1684. He probably died previous to 1713—as the estate of his brother David, who died that year, was distributed equally between his brothers John, Ebenezer, Jonathan and Abraham; no mention being made of Benjamin, who would, if living, have been entitled by law to an equal share with the others.

6. DAVID, b. in Glastenbury, February 25, 1687; was chosen a Hayward in 1711; and died in 1713, leaving no descendants.

7. ABRAHAM, Esq., b. in Glastenbury, Aug. 25, 1691; m. Sarah, daughter of John Mitchell of Hartford, June 5, 1712. Their children were Mitchell, Abraham and Elizabeth. Sarah, his wife, having died Oct. 3, 1719, he married Mary, daughter of Samuel Tudor, of Windsor, and had Joseph, Sarah and Lucy. Mary, his second wife, died Aug. 5, 1751, and on the 23d of April, he married Abigail House. Mr. K. was a constable of Glastenbury for seven years; a Lister for seven years; Town Treasurer for three years; and Selectman for *eighteen years*—besides being a Surveyor, Collector and Moderator. He was a Representative to the General Court in 1721, 1730, and 1756. He died in 1770.

FROM THE GLASTENBURY RECORDS.

1725. "Voted, That the east and west sides of the Commons, called the Fourth mile, be settled and ascertained by bound-marks and running the line thereof,—and that Lieut. Benjamin Talcote, Mr. Nath'l. Talcot, Gershom Smith, *Abraham Kilborn* and Thomas Kimberly be, or any three of them, be a Committee at the charge of the town to do the work."

*Jan.* 2, 1726–7.—"It being represented to this meeting that there is need of a Highway near the south line of the Town Bounds, to lead from the Great River east to the Country Road: This meeting do now therefore appoint Messrs. John Hollister, *Abraham Kilborn* and Thomas Kimberly to be a Committee to repair to the place, view the state and circumstances thereof, survey and lay out a convenient Highway, according to their best judgment, and report the same to the Town for confirmation."

*June* 26, 1727.—Mr. *Abraham Kilborn* is added to the Committee to wait on the Reverend Elders of this Association to consider the present destitute state of this Town with respect to settling a minister amongst us, and ask their advice and counsel therein."

*July* 19, 1727.—"Voted, That Mr. Nathaniel Talcot and Mr. Abraham Kilborn wait on the said Rev. Elders, with the votes of this meeting, on the 24th instant, and that none other of the Committee go thither at the charge of the Town."

—— 1729.—"Voted, That Capt. David Hubbard, Thos. Morley and Joseph Brewer, proceed no further as a Committee for this Town against Abraham Kilborn, in the action he had against this Town for his services in laying out the mile of Commons."

—— 1735.—"Messrs. Jonathan Hale, Abner Moreley and Abraham Kilborn are appointed and chosen a Committee in behalf of this Town to treat and confer with Mr. Thomas Treat or others, concerning a pentway or highway, from the street at Naighog to the Great River, of about one rod or rod and a half wide, and see on what terms said way may be had, and Report thereof to this town for confirmation."

—— 1736.—"This Town do now by their vote appoint and fully empower Messrs. Abraham Kilborn, Thaddeus Welles and Samuel Talcott as a Committee in behalf of the Town to take care that no encroachments are made on the Commons in this Town—neither by clearing, fencing, or other improvements, and to use all proper ways and means in the Law for the preventing the same, and that at the cost of the Town."

"At a Proprietors' meeting held at Glastenbury, April the 26th, 1737, Messrs. Nathaniel Talcott, Abraham Kilborn, Joseph Hollister, Jr., Gideon Hollister, and Richard Smith, are chosen and appointed a Committee, they or the major part of them, to enquire and consider who are the proper proprietors of the Undivided Lands in Glastenbury, and report thereof at the next meeting, with their opinion thereon."

—— 1741.—"At said meeting Messrs. Abraham Kilborn, Joseph Hollister, Jr., Lieut. Gideon Hollister, Samuel Talcott, and Samuel Kimberly, are chosen and appointed a Committee to take all proper care and use all proper means and ways in law, with ye Town of Hartford or ye inhabitants thereof, for ye obliging of them to support Jeremiah Foxe's child, which this Town thinks is a proper inhabitant of Hartford."

*Jan.* 17, 1742–3.—"Att said meeting, Capt. Jonathan Hale, Messrs. Abraham Kilborn and Joseph Hollister, Jr., are appointed and chosen a Committee in behalf of this Town, to procure a suitable Highway of about three rods wide from ye Country Road or Town Street leading north and south, out east to ye end of ye three mile Lots."

*Dec.* 8, 1756.—Mr. Abraham Kilborn, Maj. Talcott, and Mr. John Kimberly, are chosen a Committee to joyn with such gentlemen as ye Town of Hartford shall appoint to Settle or Renew ye Bounds of ye Divident Line between Hartford and Glastenbury, from ye Country Road west to the Great River or end of said Divident Line."

PROPRIETORS' MEETING.—*March* 7, 1742–3.—"Att said meeting, Thos. Welles, Abraham Kilborn and Josiah Benton are appointed and chosen a Committee in behalf of said Proprietors, to look into and examine the accounts of the former Committee appointed for the removal of incumbrances on the Common and undivided land in Glastenbury and to adjust the accounts between said Committee and ourselves."

2. SERG'T. THOMAS.

8. JOHN, b. in Hoccanum (now East Hartford,) and was admitted a freeman in Hartford in 1713. In the "Patent of the Western Lands," on the Windsor Records, (dated May 23, 1729,) he is named as one of the proprietors of a certain tract of land containing 145,903 acres, "bounded as follows, viz., beginning at the north-east corner of Litchfield; and running west by the north bounds of Litchfield four miles; thence north 21 degrees east unto the Massachusetts line, supposed to be 17 miles; thence east on said dividing line, till it runs so far as a line continued from the west bounds of Simsbury; thence west to the first mentioned starting point." John Kilborn married a daughter of Benjamin Hills of Glastenbury. His children were Mary, Sarah, Susannah and John. His will bears date Dec. 7, 1741.

9. THOMAS, b. in Hoccanum, and was married to Hannah, daughter of Joseph Hills of Glastenbury, Feb. 1, 1700. His children were, Thomas, Hannah, Susannah, Dorathy and Mabel. He died Oct. 3, 1712. He must have had a second wife, as the widow named in the settlement of his estate was *Susannah.* She subsequently married Nathaniel

Fitch, and died in Hoccanum, Feb. 11, 1749, in her 69th year.

10. MARY, baptized by Rev. Mr. Woodbridge of Hartford, Aug. 1, 1686.

11. NAOMI, baptized by Mr. Woodbridge of Hartford, June 4, 1693.

12. SARAH, baptized by Mr. Woodbridge of Hartford, March 26, 1695.*

13. SAMUEL, b. in 1696; m. Jerusha Shailor in Chatham, Conn., July 16, 1747. He died in Chatham in 1762, and on the 7th of June of that year administration on his estate was granted to Jeremiah Kilbourn.† Jerusha, the widow of Samuel Kilbourn, married Othniel Brainard. The children of Samuel and Jerusha Kilbourn were—Samuel, Timothy, Jacob and Jerusha.

4. EBENEZER.

14. GRACE, b. in Wethersfield, June 25, 1693; m. Benjamin Goodrich, March 7, 1716.

15. Lieut. EBENEZER, b. in Wethersfield, March 27, 1696; m. Eunice, daughter of Thomas Hale of Glastenbury, Jan. 28, 1717. Their children were, Eunice, Timothy, Mary, Anna and Happy. He was chosen a Constable of Wethersfield in 1723, 1724, 1725, and 1755,; a Lister, in 1723 and 1743; a Grand Juror, in 1740.

FROM THE WETHERSFIELD RECORDS.

*Town Meeting, Dec.* 9, 1718.—"Voted, That Samuel Benton and Ebenezer Kilborn shall be Viewers of the Common Fence from the north End to the north side of Goff's Brook—and were sworn."

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* It is *probable* that these three daughters of Sergt. Thomas Kilborn, died before their father, as their names do not occur in the settlement of his estate.

† From this it would appear that Samuel Kilbourn was about fifty years of age when he married Jerusha Shailor. It is not improbable that he may have *previously* been married, and that Jeremiah Kilbourn, the administrator on his estate, was his son by such marriage. Unless I am right in this surmise, I have sought in vain for the parentage of the said Jeremiah—who appears to have left no issue. It is, to be sure, possible that Jeremiah and Samuel were *brothers*, though I have found no record-evidence to that effect.

*Dec.* 15, 1736,—"At said meeting, Messrs. Jonathan Belding, Thomas Hurlburt, Elizur Goodrich, Gideon Welles, *Ebenezer Kilborn*, Joseph Boardman, David Goodrich, Jr., Gideon Goodrich, David Wright, Benjamin Beckley and Isaac North, are appointed Agents for the Town, they or any two of them, to prosecute all such persons as have trespassed or shall trespass on the Town Commons, contrary to the law of this Colony, entitled an Act for the more effectual detecting and punishing Trespass."

"Voted, That said Agents, and they only, be and continue to be, Agents for said service, till the town order otherwise."

*Town Meeting, Wethersfield, Dec.* 1*st*, 1739.—"Att said meeting, Messrs. Samuel Steel, Elizur Goodrich, *Ebenezer Kilborn*, Ebenezer Belding, Stephen Williams, and Ephraim Deming, were chosen Agents to prosecute such as cutt wood and timber on the Town Commons, contrary to the Lawes of the Colony and the Votes of the Town, and at the cost of the Town."

The following is the inscription on his tomb-stone in the grave yard of Newington parish: "Here lies Interr'd the Body of Lieut. Ebenezer Kilburn, who Departed this Life August the 21st, A. D. 1759, in ye 64th year of his Age."

16. LIEUT. ELEAZER, b. in Wethersfield, July 26, 1698; died (without children) in 1761.

17. JOSIAH, b. in Wethersfield, June 8, 1702, was m. to Ruth, daughter of John Warner, Nov. 27, 1726, by Capt. Joshua Robbins, Justice of the Peace. His children were David, Josiah, John, Richard, Ruth, and Elizabeth. His Will bears date Dec. 17, 1750. Some years after his marriage, he removed six miles below Wethersfield village, and settled upon a farm situated in the present town of New Britain, then in Farmington, where he died.

18. DANIEL, b. May 5, 1705; was married and lived to old age, but left no posterity. He became shiftless, and had an overseer in 1766.

19. MARGARET, b. October 3, 1707.

20. SARAH, b. April 13, 1710; married James Norton.

21. GEORGE, b. at Wethersfield, April 24, 1712; married Abigail, daughter of Benjamin Judd, of Farmington, and had children Joshua, Benjamin, Margaret and Hannah. He died in 1763.

6. GEORGE.

22. GEORGE. b. in Wethersfield, September 14, 1690, and died of the prevailing sickness, January 5, 1711, aged 21 years.

23. ISRAEL, b. May 5, 1692, died at the age of seven weeks.

24. ABIGAIL, b. September, 5, 1696.

25. HEZEKIAH, A. M., b. at Wethersfield, June 24, 1700. He graduated at Yale College in 1720, in the same class with the elder President Edwards. On the 19th of December, 1722, he was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. Joseph Allen, of New London, by the Rev. Stephen Mix. Their children were Keturah, Hezekiah, Elisha, George, Elizabeth, Abigail, Mary and Martha. He was a tavern-keeper in Wethersfield in 1753—his tavern standing three or four rods north of the Congregational church in that town.

*Graduates of Yale College of the Class of* 1720.—Daniel Turner, M. D., Ebenezer Wakeman, A. M., Rev. Thomas White, A. M., Rev. William Billings, A. M., Hon. Daniel Edwards, Judge Sup. Court, Rev. Jonathan Edwards, Pres't., Rev. Daniel Kirtland, A. M., Samuel Mix, A. M., Hezekiah Kilborn, A. M., Rev. Abraham Nott, A. M., John Walton.

26. PELATIAH, A. B., b. at Wethersfield, February 7, 1704; graduated at Yale College in 1724; was married to Abigail Becroft on the 17th of March 1745, by David Goodrich, Esq. He was for several years a teacher; but, having a competent estate, he spent his latter years as a gentleman. He lived to old age, and is particularly remembered by many of the aged people in Wethersfield, on account of his antique costume, and his brown wig, which hung in heavy curls upon his shoulders. He left no descendants.

8. JOSEPH.

27. DORATHY, b. in Wethersfield, April 17, 1697; was married to Joseph Birge, of Litchfield, Nov. 6, 1721. Their children were—

(I.) JOSEPH BIRGE, b. in Litchfield, Sept. 29, 1722; d. Nov. 19, 1741

(II.) DOROTHY BIRGE, b. in Litchfield, Dec. 15, 1723; m. Benjamin, Osborn, Jr., and had one son, Jacob Osborn, A. M., who graduated at Dartmouth College in 1784, and married Anne Strong, of Litchfield, (a sister of the Hon. Jedediah Strong).

(III.) BENJAMIN BIRGE, b. in Litchfield, Jan. 28, 1726; m. Betsey Beach, and had Thankful, Joseph, Crafts, and Beriah.

(IV.) MARY BIRGE.

(V.) ELIJAH BIRGE, b. in Litchfield, June 22, 1731.

(VI.) ELISHA BIRGE, (twin with Elijah,) m. Mary Muggleston,* and had five children, viz., 1. Tryphena Birge, b. July 18, 1757. 2. James Birge, *J. P.*, b. Oct. 16, 1758; m. Sally Palmer, in 1780; and died in Litchfield, Feb. 10, 1850. His children were Harvey, Orrin, Rev. Lemuel, (of East Greenwich, R. I.,) James, Salima, and Harriet. 3. Benjamin Birge, b. April 9, 1761. 4. Sarah Birge, b. 1763. 5. Joseph Birge, *J. P.*, m. Marietta, daughter of William Ward, of Litchfield, April 2, 1789; and died in 1854. His children were—Mary, Harriet, Elias, Rev. Benjamin, (who died in the pastoral office at Lexington, Ky., March 29, 1820, aged 25,) Albert, Harriet, Maj. Chester G., (of Litchfield,) Col. Joseph, *J. P.*, (removed from Litchfield to Iowa in 1849, and was elected a State Senator in 1854,) Gen. John W., (a Brig. General, and second in command, in the "Patriot War," Canada, in 1837,) and Janette.

28. CAPT. JOSEPH, b. in Wethersfield, July 9, 1700; emigrated to Litchfield with his parents in 1721. He married Abigail Stockwell, Nov. 12, 1723; she died May 20, 1748. His second wife was Anna ——. He was frequently elected a Surveyor, Lister, Grand Juror and Collector; and in 1740, 1750 and 1752, he was chosen a Selectman. In May, 1750, he was commissioned by Governor Law as Captain of the first military company in Litchfield. At the October session, 1752, and again at the May session, 1753, Capt. Kilbourn was a Representative in the Legislature of Connecticut. At the opening of the last named session, he was appointed by the Governor, Council and Representatives, a member of the Committee "to receive, sort and count" the votes cast for Colonial officers, and was "sworn to a faithful discharge of that trust." Among his colleagues on that Committee were William Pitkin, Ebenezer Silliman, John

* This lady perished in the great snow storm in Dec. 1786. *See Appendix.*

Chester, Increase Moseley, Jedediah Chapman, Phineas Lyman, Eliphalet Dyer and Jabez Hamlin. Both before and after the organization of the County of Litchfield, great efforts were made in some of the northern towns to induce the Legislature to make Goshen the shire town of the County. The celebrated Oliver Wolcott, (afterwards Governor and Signer of the Declaration of Independence,) was for a while the leader of this party, though he finally relinquished the project, and, on being appointed to the office of High Sheriff in 1751, he removed from Goshen to Litchfield and became the steadfast friend of the latter. As a matter of course the people of Litchfield strenuously opposed the claims of their rival; and even after the county-seat had been fixed in their own town, the action of their neighbors compelled them to maintain a defensive attitude. Accordingly we find that at the annual town meeting in December, 1752, Mr. Benjamin Webster and Capt. Joseph Kilbourn were appointed Agents on the part of the town, "to oppose the memorial of Torrington and Goshen" before the General Assembly.

Captain Kilbourn was one of the original founders of the Episcopal Church and Society in Litchfield, in 1745, and a liberal benefactor of the parish. He gave to the parish one-third of an hundred acre lot situated in South Farms. In a power of attorney granted to the Rev. Mr. Palmer, of Litchfield, in 1771, by the "Venerable Society in England for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts," Joseph Kilbourn and Jacob Griswold are named as the Trustees of certain landed property belonging to the Episcopal Society in Litchfield, in 1747.* He died in 1756. His children were, Elisha, Benjamin, Jeremiah, Ruth, Solomon, Charles, Catharine, Anna, Abigail, Jeremiah and Samuel.

29. JONATHAN, b. in Wethersfield, March 17, 1703; removed to Litchfield, with his parents, at the age of eighteen; and was married to Sarah Dickinson, of his native town, in

* Rev. Isaac Jones' Centennial Sermon, pp. 18, 50.

1737, by the Rev. Daniel Russell. His wife died April 6, 1739, leaving one son, Jonathan; and on the 17th of Sept. 1740, he was married to Sarah Bliss, of Windsor, by John Buel, J. P. His children were Jonathan, Elijah, Joseph, Lemuel and Jehiel. He died at the residence of his son Joseph, in Beach street, Litchfield, about the year 1777.

FROM THE LITCHFIELD RECORDS.

*Feb.* 17, 1730.—"At a meeting of the proprietors of the Town of Litchfield, Daniel Culver, Moses Stoddard, *Jonathan Kilborn* and Benjamin, Hosford, were chosen a Committee to lay ye West Division of hundred acres granted to be laid out," &c.

*Town Meeting, Dec.* 14, 1743.—"Voted that Supply Strong and Moses Stoddard be a Committee to measure the four acre lots belonging to *Jonathan Kilborn*—to add what is wanting, and to take from them what is over measure."

*Town Meeting, Litchfield, April* 20, 1755.—"Capt. Moses Stodder, Supply Strong, and *Jonathan Kilborn,* are chosen a Committee to goe with the Surveyor of the County to the North Line of Litchfield."

30. JAMES, b. in Wethersfield, April 13, 1707, removed to Litchfield with his father at the age of fourteen. He was married to Sarah Bissell, Sept. 12, 1733. He was a Grand Juror in 1742 and '61, and a Selectman in 1746, 1751, and 1757. For many years he kept a public house of great reputation on the County House corner in the village of Litchfield. His dwelling-house, erected a short time before his decease, is still standing on the west side of North street, in Litchfield, between the residences of G. H. Hollister, Esq., and Dr. H. W. Buel. Mr. Kilborn died June 9, 1762, and was buried in the West Burying-ground, Litchfield, where his tomb-stone may still be seen. His children were, Roswell, Appleton, Lucy, Rhoda, Sarah, Honor, James, and Rachel.

31. BENJAMIN, b. July 27, 1711, and died at the age of six months.

32. ESTHER, b. August 4, 1713; married Samuel Smedley, of Litchfield, Feb. 5, 1729, and had children—John,

Nehemiah, Jedediah, Esther, Jemima, Samuel, Moses, Ann, Aaron, Lucina and Joshua.

"Capt. Nehemiah Smedley and his five brothers," were among the early settlers of Williamstown, Mass.,* where their descendants are still very numerous and respectable. Samuel Smedley, Sen., died, Feb. 16, 1756, aged 54.

33. ELIZABETH, b. in Wethersfield, Oct. 19, 1716; m. Isaac Catlin, and had four children, viz., 1. Elizabeth, m. Amos Barnes, and had Lois, Amos, Elizabeth and Anna; 2. Elisha, 3. Isaac, and 4. Charles.

34. MARY, b. in Wethersfield, Feb. 9, 1720.

9. ABRAHAM.

35. SAMUEL, b. in Wethersfield, January 25, 1700; m. Mary Garrett, and settled in Litchfield. He was one of the thirteen original members of St. Michael's Parish, in 1745,† and is spoken of by the Rev. Isaac Jones, in the Appendix to his Centennial Sermon, as "a man of great energy and usefulness, from whom the church in Litchfield expected much." He had seven children, all of whose births are recorded on the Litchfield Town Records, viz., Sarah, Giles, Mary, Cybel, John, Temperance and Ann.

*Proprietors' Meeting, Litchfield, April* 30, 1733.—"Voted, That Samuel Kilborn shall have ye liberty to take in one entire piece, Lands that do belong to several Rights in ye thirty acre Division, that he hath or may obtain of ye Proprietors."

*Litchfield, May* 12, 1733.—"Know ye that we, Joseph Kilborn, Samuel Culver, Joseph Birge, John Catlin, and Jonathan Kilborn, for and in consideration of the affection and good will which we have and do bear to Samuel Kilborn, of said Litchfield, and to *encourage him in settling in this Town*, have given, granted, &c., to him a certain parcel of land in said Litchfield, to be taken up in the undivided land of the Thirty Acre Divisions already drawn and granted to each of us, the quantity hereafter

* See Rev. Dr. Field's Hist. of Berkshire; Barber's Hist. Collect. Mass., p. 103.

† The meeting at which the Episcopal Society was organized, (Nov. 5, 1745,) was called by *Jacob Griswold, Joseph Kilborn, John Davies, James Kilborn, Thomas Lee, Samuel Kilborn, Abiel Smith, Joseph Smith, Abraham Kilborn, Elijah Griswold, Isaac Bissell, William Emmons,* and *Daniel Landon.*

mentioned, viz., Joseph Kilborn, fifteen acres: Samuel Culver, three acres; Joseph Birge, six acres; John Catlin, one acre; and Jonathan Kilborn, twelve acres."*—*Land Records.*

Mr. Kilborn (who probably at the above date, had thoughts of removing from the town,) subsequently became a somewhat extensive dealer in lands in Litchfield—where he died in the prime of life and in the midst of his business operations, December 12, 1748, aged 48 years. Mary, his widow, died in August, 1778.

36. SARAH, b. in Wethersfield, May 20, 1702; m. Timothy Baxter, July 14, 1726—and had John, b. Dec. 28, 1727; Honour, b. March 2, 1729; Martha, b. Dec. 14, 1730; Elisha, b. Oct. 29, 1732, (m. Honour Wolcott, 1756); Sarah, b. Dec. 26, 1735; Mehitable, b. May 25, 1740.

37. ABRAHAM, Esq., b. in Wethersfield, April 12, 1708; m. Rebecca ——; and settled in Litchfield in early manhood, where he died, Feb. 25, 1776, aged 68 years. His wife died June 16, 1767, aged 62 years. Besides being a Moderator, Lister and Grand Juror, he served as a Selectman for seven years. In the latter office, he was associated as a colleague with Oliver Wolcott, Elisha Sheldon, David Welch, Lynde Lord, Ebenezer Marsh, Timothy Collins, and other men of eminence. He was a Representative from Litchfield in the Legislature of Connecticut at four sessions, commencing with the May session, 1769. At the October session, 1770, his colleague was the Hon. Oliver Wolcott. In the contest which immediately preceded the Revolution, Mr. Kilbourn, (unlike some of his neighbors,) was a zealous Whig, and labored earnestly in the cause of his country. The "Stamp Act" and the "Boston Port Bill" found in him a resolute opponent. The "Revenue Bill," which provided

* This was not an unusual way, among our forefathers, of testifying their "affection and good will." The people of New Haven offered John Winthrop a "home lot," on condition that he would settle among them; and the inhabitants of Newbury, Mass., agreed to relinquish their entire township to Theophilus Eaton, John Davenport, and their company, as an inducement for them to settle there.

that articles imported from Great Britain should be subject to a duty, induced the merchants of New York and Connecticut to enter into a "non-importation agreement;" which, however, was soon violated by many of the merchants of the city of New York. Under these circumstances, a General Convention of delegates from all the towns in the Colony was called to meet at New Haven on the 13th of September, 1770. On the 30th of August preceding, a special town meeting was held in Litchfield, of which Mr. Kilbourn was appointed Moderator, and Messrs. Jedediah Strong and John Osborn were chosen delegates to this convention of the mercantile and landed interests. At the annual town meeting in December 1774, Mr. Kilbourn was appointed with Messrs. Jedediah Strong, Abraham Bradley, Oliver Wolcott, Seth Bird, James Morris, and other patriotic citizens, "to be a Committee for the purposes mentioned in the Eleventh Article of the Association Agreement of the Grand Continental Congress in Philadelphia, made on the 5th of September last, and approved, adopted and recommended by the General Assembly of this Colony at their session in October last."* The subject of this sketch died about fourteen months after the last mentioned date, and before the Colonies had declared their independence—an event which he was just beginning to anticipate with lively emotions.

FROM THE LITCHFIELD RECORDS.

"At a meeting of the proprietors of Litchfield, legally warned, held in said Litchfield, January 9th, 1727–8—Upon the Request of Abraham Killborn, of Wethersfield, for the liberty of the stream of Bantam River for a Fulling Mill, Voted, That he shall have the liberty of the stream of

* This Article is as follows: "That a Committee be Chosen in every County, City or Town by those who are qualified to voate for Representatives in the Legislature, whose business it shall be attentively to observe the Conduct of all persons touching this association, and when it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of a majority of any such Committee that any person within the limits of their appointment has violated this association, that such majority Do forthwith Cause the truth of the Case to be published in the Gazette, to the end that all such Foes to the Rights of British America may be publickly known and universally contemned as the Enemies of American Liberty, and thenceforth we Respectively break off all Dealings with him or her."

Bantam River for a Fulling Mill below the corn-mill, where it may be adjudged safe for the owners of the corn-mill and convenient for a Fulling Mill, the place to be determined by a Committee chosen for that work: And that said Kilborn, for his encouragement to set up and carry on the clothing trade amongst us, shall have one acre and a half of Land given to him, to be taken up in that corner which Joseph Kilborn's pike lot abuts, upon the corn-mill pond—Provided, that a Committee chosen for that end, adjudge it may be done without Great Damage to the highway. Upon this consideration it is granted, that said Kilborn set up a Fulling Mill in said place, within the space of two years from this Instant, January, 1727–8, and keep it in good repair."*

"Voted, at the same meeting. That Sergt. Nathaniel Horsford and Sergt. Jacob Griswold be a committy to determine the place for said mill, and lay out to said Killborn the above granted land."

The difficulties arising between 'the Town' and Mr. Collens, (the first Congregational minister in Litchfield,) are often mentioned in the records of town meetings.

"At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield, Feb. 9, 1746–7—Voted, That the Interest Money arising upon the Bonds for which the Parsonage Right was sold, be towards the Payment of Mr. Collen's Rate for the current year."

"In open Town Meeting, James Kilborn, Stephen Smith, Isaac Bissell, Joel Bissell, Thomas Peck, Daniel Landon, Abiel Smith, Elijah Griswold, Joseph Kilborn, Samuel Kilborn, Abraham Kilborn and Henry Gibbs, did *protest against* the above vote."

*Town Meeting, Litchfield, April* 20, 1758.—"Voted, That Messrs. John Farnham, *Abraham Kilborn*, Abel Barns, and Joshua Garrett, are chosen Agents to assist Col. Ebenezer Marsh in opposing Mr. Timothy Collins in his suit against the town."

* The Fulling Mill erected at Bantam Falls, soon after the above date, by Abraham Kilbourn, was the first ever erected in Litchfield county, and was owned and carried on by himself and his descendants for more than one hundred years.

# GENERATION V.

2. JOHN.

SAMUEL, b. in Glastenbury, Feb. 13, 1701; was baptized by Rev. John Woodbridge of Hartford, on the 16th of the same month. He removed to Springfield, Mass., with his father, where he was residing in 1725. In 1738, the records speak of him as "of Kingsfield, alias the Elbows,* Hampshire co.;" from 1740 to 1753, he was "of Brimfield." In 1760, the town of Brimfield was divided, and the part set off was called Monson; consequently, he is named by Barber (Mass. Hist. Coll., p. 284,) as an early settler of Monson. A descendant of his says—"He wandered away from home, and was never heard from afterwards." He had several children, who will be mentioned in their order.

2. CAPT. JOHN, b. (probably†) in Glastenbury, in 1704; was residing in Springfield, Mass., in 1725. On the 26th of October, 1732, he was married in Middletown, Conn., to Mehitable, daughter of Andrew and Mehitable Bacon. Their children—Mary, was born in Middletown, Nov. 12, 1733; Mehitable, Feb. 16, 1734–5; John, b. April 1, 1736. In

* These were names applied to a region embraced in the present town of Palmer, Mass., adjoining Brimfield and formerly a part of it.

† The record of the birth of John Kilborn does not appear upon the Glastenbury records. A *blank* is left on the Town Book between the names of Sarah and Benjamin, as if designed for further entries; and as Benjamin was not born until 1712, it is probable that *other* children were born in the interim, among whom may have been the Jeremiah K. mentioned heretofore. Samuel and John, in 1725, then living in Springfield, bought land in Glastenbury, of their father, John Kilborn, also of Springfield.

1737, he sold his lands in Middletown to John Kirby and Benjamin Kilborn; and soon after settled in Northfield, Mass., where his daughter, Mary, was married in 1756, to Noah Smith of Hadley, afterwards of Brattleboro', Vt. Mr. Kilburn removed still farther up the Connecticut river in 1749, and became the first settler of Walpole, N. H. Soon after the Old French War, he removed to Springfield, Vt., but subsequently returned to Walpole, and died there in 1789. He was a Selectman of Walpole six times between 1755 and 1762, inclusive, besides being a Highway Surveyor, Assessor, Sealer of Leather, and Collector of School Rates. The Town Records also show that he was often appointed on various important Committees—as follows, viz., 1760, "to give Rev. Jonathan Leavett a call to settle;" 1776, "to take care of the materials for building a meeting-house;" 1771, "to look after the school lots;" 1777, member of the revolutionary "Committee of Inspection and Correspondence;" 1778, "for laying out lands;" 1779, "to take possession of the public lands of the town;" 1780, "to procure materials for finishing meeting-house;" 1781, "on roads;" 1782, "to raise money for the continental soldiers;" 1783, "to superintend building a bridge over Cold River;" also, for altering road; 1784, "to see what is best to be done with the public lands of the town;" 1785, "to propose to the town a place to set a new meeting-house;" 1786, "to consider the expediency of voting a part of Walpole to a part of Charlestown, to make a new town."

Mehitable, wife of John Kilburn, it is believed, died in Middletown about the year 1737.* His second wife was Hannah Fox, of Glastenbury, Conn.; she died January 1, 1807, aged 84.†

* I infer this from the fact that previous to that date, in the purchases and sales of lands, the records read "John and Mehitable Kilborn;" while in the later sales, the name of the wife is omitted.

† Hannah, wife of John Kilburn, "*from Glastenbury,*" as the Walpole Church Records read, joined the church in Walpole some time between the organization of said church in 1761 and 1777. The precise dates are wanting. On

The following interesting narrative of the exploits of Captain John Kilburn, is copied from "The Early History of New England," by the Rev. Henry White (p. 107, Concord edition); and may also be found in Thatcher's "Tales of the Indians," and in the New Hampshire Historical Collections, Vol. II, p. 49:

"THE HEROES OF WALPOLE.

"The first civilized inhabitant of the present town of Walpole, N. H., was JOHN KILBURN, who settled there in 1749. The large and fertile meadows at the mouth of Cold River, in that township, slightly covered with tall butternut and ancient elm trees, presented an inviting prospect to new colonists, and an easy harvest to the hand of cultivation. Just above them, along the east bank of the Connecticut, was the defile, bounded by steep mountains, which formed the Indian highway to and from Charlestown, the next township. There, too, was the head of shad navigation, the great fishing-ground of the savages from time immemorial. Next below this narrow pass, by the river, and near the meadows, is the site of an ancient Indian village, now occupied by a tavern. Next on the south, and bounding the meadows northerly, was Cold River, a small branch of the main stream, overshadowed with tall maples and elms. The meadows themselves were about half a mile in extent; the Connecticut on their western side, and a semicircle of woods on the east, with a central round eminence, forty feet high, from which issues at this day a medical spring. It was here that the adventurous and hardy Kilburn built himself a log hut, and here he inhabited the solitude of the forest for two years, without any intercourse with friend or foe.

During this time his life was one continued scene of danger and hardship. He sought opportunities to cultivate the friendship of the Indians, who roamed and prowled in the woods around him; but in this attempt he was wholly unsuccessful. They avoided him studiously in the day time, and in the night, he soon found that they approached his humble habitation for the purpose of dealing him the deadly blow. He was finally obliged, in consequence of this state of things, to adopt the plan of "camping out" at different places in the woods each night, with nothing but the cold earth for his bed, a bear-skin for his covering, and a cartridge-box for his pillow. In this manner he continued himself to elude the scalping knives of his lurking enemies, though they not unfrequently visited and plundered his hut in his absence.

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the 9th of April, 1774, John Kilburn and Hannah Kilburn, his wife, both of Walpole, N. H., sold 53 acres of land in Glastenbury, Conn., in Eastbury parish, to Reuben Risley, of said Glastenbury.

In 1751, Colonel Benjamin Bellows obtained the charter of Walpole, and began a small settlement on a spot occupied to this day by the buildings of a gentleman of the same name, about a mile south from the establishment of Kilburn. There was at this time a fort also on the neighboring township of Number-Four, now called Charlestown. These additions to the power of the whites in this quarter, had an essential influence upon the respect and the fear felt for them by the Indians; nor was it long before a company of the latter descended the river in their canoes, landed above the falls, and invited their old acquaintance, Kilburn, to trade with them. He accepted their invitation without scruple or hesitancy, visited their encampment, bought furs of them, and made them presents of flints, flour and fish-hooks. From this time they continued to hunt, fish and lodge occasionally in the neighborhood. The report of their guns, with which the whites had furnished them long ere this, and the smoke of their low wigwams among the trees, became mingled with the familiar occurrences of daily life.

The affairs of the settlers continued to prosper until 1753, when the first alarming incident occurred to disturb their security. Two men, by the names of Twitchell and Flint, who had gone back to the hills, about a mile east of the settlement to procure some ash timber for oars, were fired upon and killed by the Indians. One of them was scalped. The other they barbarously cut open, took out his heart, yet warm, laid it upon his breast, and thus left him to be found by his friends. This massacre was among the first appearances of a rupture of the negotiations for peace pending between England and France, and was the commencement of a new and long series of Indian ravages. It was, moreover, the first christian blood which was spilt in Walpole; and the impression it produced upon the minds of the settlers was proportionably deep and lasting. The bodies of the murdered men were buried near where they were found, in a spot still indicated by a ridge of land, on the west side of the road about two miles north of Walpole village. It was believed by the friends of Twitchell—at least by some of the number—that his guardian spirit continued, as long as his savage murderers lived, to hover over them by night and by day, and to warn them of the wiles of the Indians. Even a rock in the Connecticut river, where he used to fish with never-failing success, was for a long time held in religious veneration; and few, it is rumored, of all those who to this day go to angle from "Twitchell's Rock," return without taking from the stream a generous fry.

In the spring of 1755, an Indian by the name of Philip, who had just learned enough of English to be understood, visited Kilburn's log-house, under pretence of being upon a hunting excursion and in want of provisions. He was treated with kindness and furnished liberally with flints, meal and various other articles which he asked for. Soon after his de-

parture, it was ascertained that the same Indian had visited all the settlements on the Connecticut river, about the same time, and with the same plausible story. The conclusion was, with Kilburn and his fellow settlers, that Philip was a scout employed by the enemy. This suspicion was soon after confirmed by intelligence received at all the forts on the frontier, through a friendly Indian, from Gov. Shirley at Albany. He stated that four or five hundred of the savages were collected in Canada, whose object it was to butcher the whole white population on the Connecticut river.

The settlers—and those of Walpole among the number—were startled by these tidings; but they were not disheartened. They valued their hard-earned harvests and their solitary homes in the wilderness, humble as they were, too high to leave them from the mere apprehension of danger. They had been accustomed, too, to all the hardships of a rude life; and long had they looked for the time to come, as it came now, when they must defend themselves or die in the cause.

Kilburn and his comrades now fortified their habitations round about by a palisade of stakes, with such other preparations of the same nature as their means allowed. On these alone they depended for safety—the nearest garrison, (a force of 100 men,) being a mile distant, at the settlement of Col. Bellows. Measures being thus prudently taken, nothing remained but to wait for the onset of the enemy. On the 17th of August, 1755, Kilburn and his son, in his eighteenth year, a man by the name of Peak, and his son, were returning from work about noon, when one of them suddenly discovered the red legs of Indians among the alders that skirted the meadows, as thick, in his own language, as "grass-hoppers." They instantly fled for the house, fastened the doors, and began to make preparations for an obstinate defence. In this they were assisted as well as encouraged by Kilburn's wife and daughter Hitty, whose particular charge, however, it was to keep a watch upon the movements of the enemy.

In about fifteen minutes the latter were seen crawling up the bank east of the house, and as they crossed the foot-path one by one, one hundred and ninety-seven were counted; about the same number remaining in ambush near the mouth of Cold River. The object of *this* party was to way-lay Col. Bellows and his men, whom they knew to be working at his mill about a mile east. Before a great while, accordingly, these people came along, each carrying a bag of meal on his back. Presently their dogs began to growl, and to betray other symptoms of having discovered or suspected an enemy. All this Bellows understood perfectly well, nor was he at a loss in forming his opinions of the state of the case. He had no doubt the Indians were close at hand, in ambush, and he took his

measures accordingly. He ordered all his men, about thirty, to throw down their meal, and advance to the rising ground before them, carefully crawl up the bank, spring upon their feet, give one shout, and instantly drop among the tall sweet fern, which in that place covered the ground.

The maneuvre succeeded; for as soon as the shout was heard, the Indians all arose from their ambush in a semi-circle around the path Bellows was to follow. This gave his party a fine chance for a fair shot; and they improved it promptly by a general discharge, which so disconcerted the plans of the Indians, that they darted away in the bushes, without firing a single shot. Perceiving, however, that their party was too numerous for his, he ordered his men to file off to the south, and make for the fort. Not long after, these Indians came out upon an eminence east of Kilburn's house. Here, the "old devil," Philip, as he was now generally called—being the same wily savage which had visited Kilburn the season previous—came forward, secured himself behind a large tree, and called loudly for those in the house to surrender. "Old John—young John," he cried, "I know you—come out here—we give good quarter!" "Quarter!" shouted Kilburn, with a tremendous voice which thrilled through every Indian heart—"Quarter! you black rascals, begone—or we will *quarter* you!"

Thus disappointed in his application, Philip returned to the main body of his companions. After a few minutes' consultation, the Indian war-whoop was raised, as if, in Kilburn's rude language, "*all* the devils had been let loose." Kilburn was nothing daunted by this performance, however, and he even managed to get the first fire, before the smoke of the enemies' guns obstructed his aim. He was confident that this discharge brought down an Indian, who, from his extraordinary size, and from other circumstances, appeared to be Philip. A moment after, the companions of the fallen savage—now mustered in full force—rushed fiercely forward to the work of destruction; and probably not fewer than four hundred bullets were lodged in Kilburn's house at the first fire. The roof especially was made a "perfect riddle-sieve." This leaden shower was kept up for some time, with an incessant blaze and clamor, while detachments of the enemy were amusing themselves with butchering the stray cattle, and destroying the hay and grain in the surrounding meadow.

Kilburn and his men, meanwhile, were by no means idle. Their powder was already poured into hats for the convenience of loading in a hurry, and every thing prepared for a spirited defence or a glorious death. They had several guns in the house, all of which were kept hot by incessant firing through the port-holes; and as they had no ammunition to spare, each one took special aim, to have every bullet tell. The women assisted in loading the guns. When the stock of lead grew scanty,

they had also the presence of mind to suspend blankets horizontally near the roof of the house, inside, to catch the enemy's balls. These they immediately run into new bullets, if necessary, while the men took it upon themselves to have them returned to the savages with interest.

The latter made several attempts to burst open the doors of the house, but the fire of the brave little band was too hot for them. Most of the time, therefore, they endeavored to keep behind stumps, logs, and trees, evidently showing, by this management, that they began to feel the force of the remark made to them by Kilburn, as we have seen in the onset. A continual firing, however, was kept up on their part until near sundown. Then they gradually retreated; and when the sun had sank behind the western hills, the sound of the guns and the cry of the war-whoop died away in silence.

How many of the enemy fell on this occasion, never was ascertained. Of the little garrison, Peak only was wounded in the hip, by exposing himself too much before a port-hole; and for want of surgical aid, this proved fatal on the sixth day. The French and Indian war continued until 1763, but the village of Walpole was not afterwards molested in any instance by the enemy.

Kilburn united in his character, all that makes a successful warrior. No man had more of ready foresight and prudence—none could be more intrepid and brave. He lived to see his family settled and flourishing, and the fourth generation coming upon the stage. A plain unpolished stone points out the spot in the burying ground of the village, where sleep his mortal remains under this inscription:

In memory of
JOHN KILBURN, who departed
this life for a better, April 8th, 1789, in
the 85th year of his age. He was
the first settler of this town,
in 1749.

His son, 'young John,' revisited the scene of his youthful exploits for the last time in 1814. He died in 1822, among his children at Shrewsbury, Vermont."

Trumbull, in his "History of the Indian Wars" (p. 238), says:

"The defence of *Kilburn's Garrison* was one of the most heroic and successful efforts of personal courage and valor recorded in the annals of Indian warfare. The number of Indians was about two hundred, against whom John Kilburn, his son John, John Peak and his son, and the wife and daughter of Kilburn, were obliged to contend for their lives."

Belknap, in the "History of New Hampshire," thus refers to this memorable transaction:

* * * "After a few days, these Indians, being joined by others to the number of one hundred and seventy, assaulted the Garrison of *John Kilburn*, in which were himself, John Pike, two boys and several women —who bravely defended the house and obliged the enemy to retire with considerable loss. Pike was mortally wounded. Some of these Indians joined Dieskau's army and were in the battle of Lake George."

3. SARAH, b. in Glastenbury, 1706; m. Thomas Wells, in Colchester, Sept. 18, 1740.

4. BENJAMIN, b. in Glastenbury, June 10, 1712; in June 1724, (at the age of 22 years,) he is called "of Middletown, (Conn.,) lately belonging to Kingston, Hampshire Co., Mass." At the date referred to, he sold land to "his brother, John Kilborn, of Middletown," "which," he says, "descended to me in the right of my honored father, John Kilborn, of said Kingston."

5. RUTH, m. Samuel Means, of Springfield, Mass.

6. RACHEL, m. Preserved White, of Springfield.

7. MARY, m. John Hancock, Jr., of Springfield.*

8. DAVID, b. in Springfield, March 3, 1724.

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*I do not find any record of the *birth* of two of these daughters last named, (Ruth, and Mary Kilborn). The following extract of a letter from Samuel Kilborn, of Longmeadow, Mass., contains the names of two of them; while the extract from the Glastenbury Records, which follows, makes mention of the three.

"In looking over the old records of this town, I find there was a Rachel Kilborn, who m. Preserved White, of Springfield, Nov. 29, 1740, and a Mary Kilborn, who m. John Hancock, of Springfield, Nov. 22, 1744. Three of Mrs. Whites' sons settled in this town, and had families. I have heard an old lady, (one of her grand-daughters,) say, that she had heard her grandmother mention the fact that a brother went off, and the family never heard from him afterwards."

*Glastenbury Land Records.*—"Know all men by these presents, that we, Samuel Kilborn of Brimfield, yeoman, Samuel Means, joiner, and Ruth, his wife, Preserved White, weaver, and Rachel, his wife, and John Hancock, Jr., and Mary, his wife, of Springfield, in the County of Hampshire, Mass.,—*the said Samuel, Ruth, Rachel and Mary being grandchildren to John Kilborn*, late of Glastenbury, Conn., for and in consideration of five shillings paid by Jonathan Kilborn, of Colchester, convey one certain piece of land containing about 29 acres adjoining to Middletown bounds," &c.

3. EBENEZER.

9. SUSANNAH, b. in Glastenbury, February 7, 1699; m. Abel Morley, of Glastenbury, April 9, 1719. Their children were—Sarah, Abel, Thomas, Susannah, Isaac, William and Thankful.

10. EBENEZER, b. in Glastenbury, January 1, 1700; m. Martha ——; died, without children, in 1770.

11. RICHARD, b. in Glastenbury, February 8, 1702.

12. SARAH, b. in Glastenbury, Oct. 29, 1704.

13. JOSIAH, b. in Glastenbury, May 28, 1706; m. Mary ——, and had six children, viz., Ebenezer, Joel, Josiah, Temperance, Mary, and a daughter who married Mr. Porter, and removed to Nova Scotia. He lived in Hebron from 1728 to 1754, when he removed with his family to Gilsum, N. H., of which place he was the first settler. A grand-daughter of his was the first white child born in that town. Mr. Kilborn and his family were the subjects of many adventures consequent upon pioneer life. [See Appendix.]

14. ELIZABETH, b. in Glastenbury, Sept. 8, 1708.

15. GIDEON, b. in Glastenbury, March 30, 1710.

16. AMOS, b. in Glastenbury, August 19, 1712.

17. DAVID, b. in Glastenbury, October 12, 1714.

18. NAOMI, (twin with David).

19. JAMES, b. in Glastenbury, July 3, 1716; married and settled in Fishkill, on the Hudson river. He was drowned while attempting to cross the river on the ice. Some members of his family were residing at Fishkill in 1778, and kindly received and entertained their kindred who, during that year, fled from the bloody massacre at Wyoming.

20. THOMAS, b. in Glastenbury, April 13, 1718; on the 5th of March, 1734, at the age of 16 years, he chose his

mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Kilborn, to be his guardian. I have found nothing further concerning him.*

21. LIEUT. JOHN, b. in Morristown, N. J.; settled in Hebron, where he married Hannah Sumner, about the year 1745. He resided in Colchester for a few years, and was a Representative from that town at the October session, 1754, and at an extra session in March of the following year. Returning to Hebron, he resided there for a few years. He was a soldier in the northern army, under Sir William Johnson, from whom he received a Lieutenant's commission in 1755. He was attached to Col. Williams' regiment when that officer, with 1000 men, and Hendrick, the Mohawk chief, with 200 of his warriors, were sent out to give battle to the advanced corps of the French troops, near Lake George, on which occasion they unexpectedly fell in with the enemy, four miles from the English camp, and a sanguinary battle ensued. Lieutenant Kilborn was severely wounded, and the brave Col. Williams and Hendrick were killed. Dieskau, the French General, was slain on that or the following day. In May, 1756, he was commissioned as Lieutenant by Governor Fitch of Connecticut.† Lieut. Kilborn subsequently emigrated to Surry, N. H., and in 1769, removed thence to Claremont in the same State, where he died in 1776. In May preceding his death, (and before the declaration of independence,) he placed his signature to a solemn covenant, in which he pledged himself "at the risk of

* In answer to my enquiries concerning several members of this family of Ebenezer Kilborn, of Glastenbury, Judge Goodwin writes: "I have carefully looked over our Probate and Town Records, the Town Records of Glastenbury, the tomb stones in the ancient burying ground in Glastenbury, and the records of mortality for the town of Hartford, for something that might be of service to you in relation to Rachel, Gideon, Amos, James, David and Thomas Kilborn, children of Ebenezer K., of Glastenbury—but found nothing, or rather nothing more than you already have." Some of them, doubtless, died young, as nothing but the record of their births can be found.

† Among the *files* in the Secretary's office at Hartford, I find the following:

"Sir—Mr. *John Kilborn* is nominated First Lieutenant of ye 4th company in ye 4th Regiment, in ye place of Mr. James Gates, who declines.

D. EDWARDS.

To GEORGE WYLLYS, Esq., April, 1756."

his life and fortune, with arms," to oppose the encroachments of the British ministry upon the rights and liberties of America. He had but one child, John Kilborn, who lived to mature age; and he was born when his father was upwards of 50 years old, if the records are correct.

22. BENJAMIN, b. in Morristown, N. J., in 1730; settled in Bolton, Conn., where he married Elizabeth Goodrich, March 14, 1754. The following narrative of his subsequent history, and that of his family, is copied from the "Hartford Times," of April 1851:

"The French having been dispossessed of Nova Scotia in 1760, a bounty was offered to such English and Americans as would settle therein. At this time Benjamin Kilbourn was about 30 years of age, and was settled in Bolton, with a wife and two children. In company with others he removed to that country, hoping as he said, to find a location where in future years his children might settle around him. The climate proving cold and the soil unproductive, and having had his crops for three successive years almost wholly destroyed by the frost, he returned to Bolton in 1764, where he remained a few years. In 1773, he became a member of the Wyoming Land Company, and during that year was sent out to make selections and surveys in that then wilderness. His perils and hardships during this tour were of the most thrilling description, and were often in after years, recounted to his children and others. The only inhabitants of much of the country which he explored were wild beasts and much wilder men, and some portions of it were probably never before visited by a civilized being. During the following season he returned to Connecticut, and in October, 1774, started with his own and other families for the new purchase. His family at this time consisted of a wife and ten children, viz.: Elizabeth, Lucretia, Lucy, Benjamin, John, Gustavus, Cleopatra, Hannah, Jonathan and Moses, varying in their ages from twenty to two years. They passed from New London to New York in a sloop, thence taking the overland route to the Susquehannah, they reached the Kingston settlement safely. The location which Mr. Kilbourn had selected for himself and company was thirty miles beyond this place; but the inhabitants upon the river being filled with alarm on account of the several Indian depredations, it was deemed advisable that the company should remain at Kingston and Wilkesbarre, till it was thought more safe to venture further into the wilderness. The Indian disturbances not subsiding, Mr. K. and some of his old neighbors finally settled on the Shawney Flats, and were there at the commencement of

hostilities between Great Britain and the United Colonies. They found the soil abundantly fertile; but new afflictions broke in upon their household band. During the first year of the settlement, Jonathan, a favorite child, was drowned in the Susquehannah, and Lucretia died of a fever peculiar in that country.

The settlements on the river continued to increase rapidly in numbers and importance, and the people organized themselves into civil and military compacts for purposes of self-government and self-protection. Mr. Kilbourn was appointed a magistrate and Town Clerk, and faithfully performed various other public trusts, besides teaching the winter school and reading sermons to the assembled colonists on the Sabbath. He was a man of piety, intelligence and enterprise, and ever exerted a salutary influence on the minds and habits of the settlers.

During the spring and early part of the summer of 1778, the inhabitants of the Valley were kept in a constant state of alarm by the murders and robberies committed by the savages. The English Government, which had been at war with the colonies, had brutally offered a bounty to the Indians for the scalp of every white man, woman and child which they would bring into the British camp. Wyoming was an exposed frontier, bordering on the Six Nations of Indians, numerous, fierce, and accustomed to war. The warriors of these tribes were joined by a band of tories, who were even more blood-thirsty and cruel than their savage allies. The six townships of that beautiful Valley contained by this time about one thousand white families, and had furnished one thousand soldiers for the continental army, who were then absent on duty. Knowing their defenceless condition, the family of Mr. K. and those of his neighbors, were accustomed to repair to the Shawney Fort, or Block House, every night, over which a strict guard was kept. About the middle of June, word reached them from Forty Fort, at Kingston, that an immediate attack was apprehended, and warning the people to retire to their fort for protection, or seek safety in flight. The settlers at Shawney being at a considerable distance from the other towns, and consequently more defenceless, chose the latter alternative. Mr. K. and his family packed up such articles of food and clothing as they could conveniently carry, placed them in a boat, into which were also placed the four youngest children, and in charge of a trusty neighbor, they proceeded down the river; the parents and the three other children together with many others following in the same direction by land. Lucy Kilbourn, then the wife of Daniel Lawrence, was at Forty Fort in feeble health. She also escaped, and in a few days joined the other members of her father's family.

Having succeeded in finding a place of safety for the members of the family, Mr. Kilbourn and his son John, then fifteen years of age, went back to their forsaken dwelling, but found it robbed of everything except a bible and hymn book which they took possession of. They then repaired to the fort, hoping to assist in its defence, but found it deserted! In short the settlement of Shawney was abandoned—the terrible Massacre of Wyoming had taken place in their absence, deluging that delightful region with blood, and furnishing to the historians of our country the darkest page in her annals. They subsequently learned that very many of their relations and friends were victims of the horrible slaughter, and among them was David Lawrence, above named, the son-in-law of Mr. K.

Mr. Kilbourn and his son soon joined the family, and in company, they all started for Connecticut, on foot, often hungry and shelterless, yet finding many sympathizing friends on the way. Near a place called Harrison's Ferry, the youngest child was taken seriously ill, their only shelter being an apple tree. Some people in the vicinity at length learned their situation, kindly provided them with articles necessary to their comfort, and carried them several miles on their route. In due time they reached Connecticut in safety. In all their trials and journeyings, Mr. K. carried the Town Records with him, and after the restoration of peace a special messenger was sent to Connecticut after them. He lived to the good old age of 87, and died in 1817 at Belchertown, Mass., at the residence of his son Moses."

23. GERSHOM, was b. in Morris Co., N. J., Feb. 7, 1732; m. Phebe Lindsley, and had three children—Moses, Samuel and Abner. His second wife was Mrs. Eunice Harrison Conger, by whom he had Elizabeth, Jabez D., Daniel, and Daniel 2d. He died in Orange, N. J., April 26, 1813.*

* I acknowledge myself perplexed and doubtful in fixing the precise locality of Gershom Kilborn on the family chart. One of his grandsons, an intelligent citizen of New Jersey, writes—"My grandfather, Gershom Kilborn, never had any knowledge of his parents, brothers or sisters. He could give no account of himself anterior to the time when he was bound out by the Overseers of the Poor to a farmer at Pigeon Hill, Morris Co. In some way, he became impressed with the belief that he was of *Scotch descent*. He also ascertained from some source unknown to me, the *date* of his birth." The circumstance that Ebenezer Kilborn, of Glastenbury, and his family, early settled in Morris County, with the additional fact that a son of Gershom K. removed to Connecticut, and lived and died there, leads me to believe that he (G. K.) was of Connecticut origin, and renders it probable that he was a son or grandson of Ebenezer K.

4. JONATHAN.

24. JONATHAN, Esq., b. in Colchester, Jan. 8, 1707; m. Mary Skinner, Oct. 20, 1734. He became a man of wealth, and was the owner of several mills of various kinds in Colchester and East Haddam. He was a Grand Juror for six years; a Selectman of Colchester six years; and Moderator seven years. In May, 1750, he was elected Representative in the Legislature of Connecticut, and between that date and March 1759 inclusive, he was a member at thirteen stated and special sessions of the Legislature. In 1756, the General Assembly appointed him a Justice of the Peace for the county of New London, and he was annually re-appointed until his removal to East Haddam in 1763. In 1764, Mr. K. was chosen a Selectman of East Haddam. He subsequently returned to Colchester, where he died in 1785.

He was an intimate friend of the elder Governor Trumbull—they frequently performing "horseback" journeys to and from Colchester and Lebanon, on visits to each other of from one to two weeks in length. He invented the iron screw; also an apparatus for pressing cloth, and another for pressing flax seed, which is still used in the manufacture of linseed oil. There is now in possession of the Foote family of Marlboro', Conn., a large iron screw, with brass boxes, weighing in all over 200 lbs., made by Jonathan Kilborn for pressing cloth; they are worthy of special notice from the fact that they are the first screw and boxes *ever* cut by machinery in this or any other country.* It has

* Aaron Kilborn, Esq., of New Haven, (who is the worthy inheritor of the mechanical genius of his ancestor,) recently addressed a letter of inquiry to Mr. George Foote, of Marlboro', respecting this interesting relic, and received in reply the following facts: "Jonathan Kilborn, Esq., invented machinery for cutting iron screws, and obtained a bar of iron to be used for that purpose, which proved to be *flawy*. He then went to a forge and ordered one made without any flaw or unsoundness; and on working the same, it proved to be what he had desired. From that was cut the first screw ever made by machinery. Kilborn used it for several years in his oil mill in East Haddam, until it was purchased by my grandfather, Asa Foote, who died in 1799. My late father, who was born in 1763, was but a mere boy when it came into possession of the family. It is still perfectly sound, and may be worth $25, for use."

with propriety been suggested that they be purchased and placed in the National Institute at Washington city. Barber, in his "Connecticut Historical Collections," (p. 306,) says:

"Mr. Kilborn lived about a mile south of the Academy [in Colchester]. He was an uncommonly ingenious mechanic, and it is said was the inventor of the iron screw. It is also stated that he admitted an Englishman into his shop, who, observing his invention, took the proper dimensions, &c., went to England, and claimed to be the original inventor."

*Jan.* 2, 1759.—*Town Meeting, Colchester.*—"It was voted, That Jonathan Kilborn, Esq., shall be Agent for ye Town of Colchester, to appear in any Court in behalf of said Town, in any case depending, or that may be depending, for or against said Town, for ye year ensuing."

*April* 25, 1767.—*Town Meeting, East Haddam.*—"Voted, That it is absolutely necessary to build a Bridge over Salmon River, a little northerly of the dwelling-house of Jonathan Kilborn, Esq., and south of Salmon Hole: one end of the Bridge to lye on Haddam and the other end on East Haddam."

"Jonathan Kilborn, Esq., is a committee to build the said Bridge."

*April*, 2, 1792.—"Captain Jabez Chapman and Eliphalet Holmes, Esq., are appointed a Committee on the part of East Haddam, to petition the General Assembly for the grant of a Lottery to enable the towns interested to Build a Bridge over Salmon River, near *Kilborn's Mills.*"

"At a legal Town Meeting, held at East Haddam, June 28, 1807, Voted, To rebuild *Kilborn's Bridge*, provided the town of Haddam will join and build their half."

In our Colonial Legislature, July 2, 1775, it was

Voted, That a quantity of lead owned by Jonathan Kilborn, Esq., of Colchester, and used by him on the water-wheel of his new saw mill, should not be taken from him, for public use, until actually wanted; and then only by the Selectmen of Colchester, without further orders.—*Hinman's History of the Revolution*, p. 363.

In the Colchester Burying-Ground are two red tombstones, standing side by side, from which the following inscriptions are copied:

"In Memory of
JONATHAN KILBORN, Esq.,
who departed this life
Oct. 14th, A. D. 1785,
in the 79th year
of his age.

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He was a man of invention great,
Above all that lived nigh;
But he could not invent to live
When God called him to die."

"In Memory of
Mrs. MARY KILBORN,
the Excellent and Honorable
wife of
Jonathan Kilborn, Esq.,
who departed this life
August 11th, A. D. 1780,
in the 65th year
of her age."

25. HEZEKIAH, b. in Colchester, Nov. 2, 1708. He made his Will in 1784, and died soon after. The children named in his will are, Hezekiah, Asa, Elijah, Ann, Elizabeth and Dimmis, all of whom were born in Colchester. His wife's name was Elizabeth.

26. ELIZABETH, b. in Colchester, Oct. 15, 1713; m. John Quitterfield, Dec. 7, 1733. Their son, Amasa, was born Dec. 11, 1734.

7. ABRAHAM, ESQ., OF GLASTENBURY.

27. MITCHELL, b. August 16, 1714; and died at the age of two years.

28. ABRAHAM, b. in Glastenbury, Feb. 26, 1716; and died Sept. 23, 1741, aged 25 years. He was unmarried.

29. ELIZABETH, b. in Glastenbury, Feb. 19, 1719; m. Oliver Dudley, Esq., J. P., of Guilford, Nov. 26, 1738.

30. JOSEPH, b. in Glastenbury, January 14, 1723; m. Mary Hollister, daughter of Mr. Joseph Hollister, March 1, 1744. He was a Lister in 1748 and 1759; and Surveyor in 1752, 1762 and 1770. His children were Mary, Ann, Abigail, Nancy, Mabel, Abraham and Joseph. He died in Glastenbury, June 11, 1790, aged 68.

31. SARAH, b. January 1, 1725; m. Samuel Talcott, of Glastenbury, and had seven children, viz., (1.) Oliver,

m. Alice, daughter of Matthew Miller; his second wife was Miss Balch, of Wethersfield. He had three children—Nancy, Polly and Joseph. (2.) Abraham, m. Bersheba, daughter of Daniel Hale, of Glastenbury, and had four children—Ansel, of Wethersfield, Oliver, of Berlin, Ruby, and Adna, of East Guilford, N. Y.; (3.) Sarah, m. Edward Benton; (4.) Mary, m. George House; (5.) Omer, m. James Stevens; (6.) John, m. Miss Hubbard; (7.) Jonathan.

32. LUCY, b. in Glastenbury, Dec. 10, 1731; m. Capt. Samuel Welles, of that town, in August, 1752. Their son, *Samuel Welles*, Esq., was often a Representative, and in 1818, was a delegate to the Convention which formed our present State Constitution. He married Anna Hale, of Glastenbury, and had several children, among whom are the Hon. *Gideon Welles*, of Hartford, and *Thaddeus Welles*, Esq., of Glastenbury, both of whom have been much in public life. The other children of Capt. Samuel and Lucy Welles, were —Lucy, Ruth, Joseph, Elijah and Thaddeus, all of whom had families, except Thaddeus.

### 8. JOHN.

33. JOHN, b. in Hartford, (east side); m. Mary Burnham, daughter of Charles and Dorathy Burnham, of East Hartford. His children were John, Samuel, Stephen, Mary, Martha and Freeman. His second wife was Rosanna ——, by whom he had a daughter Lucy. He died in Middletown in 1773.

### 9. THOMAS, JUN.

34. THOMAS, b. in Hartford, (east side,) Sept. 8, 1705; m. Mary Diggins, daughter of John Diggins, of Middletown, in May, 1728. His children were—Thomas, Nathaniel, Thankful, Susannah, Jeremiah, Russell, Mary, and Jerusha. He died in Middletown, April 8, 1748, aged 42 years and 7 months. Mary, his widow, died Oct. 31, 1761, aged 50 years. Both were buried in East Hartford.

35. HANNAH, m. Daniel Smith, of Hartford.

36. SUSANNAH, m. William Miller, of Glastenbury, and had five children. She died, March 16, 1731.

37. DORATHY, m. John Cadwell, of Hartford.

13. SAMUEL.

38. LIEUT. SAMUEL, b. in Chatham, Conn., Nov. 7, 1750; m. Elizabeth Stillman, Nov. 14, 1771. He removed to Ashfield, Mass., in 1789, where one of his children was born, but returned to Chatham, and died there, Nov. 14, 1834; his wife died April 19, 1833. Their children were—Eunice, Deborah, Elizabeth, Mary, Elizabeth (2d), Samuel S., Sophia, Sally, and Lucinda. He was a soldier of the Revolution, and was subsequently a Lieutenant of militia.

39. TIMOTHY, b. in Chatham; and was killed at the battle of Bunker Hill, (as I learn from a nephew,) though his estate was not brought into Probate Court until May, 1777. His step-father, Othniel Brainard, was the administrator on his estate, which was distributed in April, 1778, to the brothers and sister of the deceased.

40. JACOB, b. in Chatham; removed to Ashfield, Mass., in 1774. He was a soldier in the Revolution in Capt. Drury's company, Col. Wright's regiment, and in 1781 was stationed at West Point. He m. Anna Smith and had three children, viz., Timothy, Jonathan and Anna. His second wife was Hannah Alden, by whom he had six children, viz., Jacob, David, Hannah, Ebenezer, Samuel and Elijah. In December, 1813, a malignant fever prevailed in Ashfield, which proved fatal to Mr. and Mrs. Kilbourn, and four of their children—Jacob, Ebenezer, Anna and Hannah. Two other children were sick with the same disease, but recovered.

41. JERUSHA, b. in Chatham; m. Joseph Johnson.

15. LIEUT. EBENEZER.

42. EUNICE, b. in Newington (a parish of Wethersfield, Conn.), Feb. 14, 1718.

43. NAOMI, b. in Newington, in 1720; m. Samuel Butler.

44. LIEUT. TIMOTHY, b. in Newington, Aug. 22, 1723; was married to Prudence Deming, Aug. 15, 1751, by Rev. Joshua Belding. Mr. Kilbourn and his three sons were soldiers in the Revolution. His children were Timothy, Seth, Happy, Simon and Abigail. In May, 1773, he was commisioned as *Lieutenant* of the 10th Co., 6th regiment Connecticut militia. He died in Simsbury, Conn.

45. MARY, b. in Newington, March 4, 1725; m. Josiah Curtis, of Wethersfield. She died Oct. 7, 1799, in her 75th year; he died Oct. 4, 1800, aged 78. Their son, Levi Curtis, was born in Wethersfield, June 26, 1749; m. Rhoda Stoddard; he died June 29, 1833. Josiah Curtis, (son of Levi and Rhoda Curtis,) was born in 1779; m. Betsey Butler; both are still living. *Josiah Curtis*, Jr., M. D., a distinguished literary and scientific gentleman of Boston, and Levi Curtis, M. D., of Philadelphia, are sons of Josiah and Betsey Curtis.

46. ANNE, b. in Newington, June 20, 1728; m. Janna Deming, and had eleven children—viz., Elizur, Elias, Anna, Daniel, Thomas, Eunice, Chloe, John, Gad, Honor and Levi. They all lived until the youngest was over forty years old.

47. HAPPY, b, in Newington, June 17, 1730; m. Timothy Wadsworth, of Farmington. Their children were—Elijah, b. 1757; d. 1763; Ebenezer, b. 1760; Esther, b. 1762; Mary, b. 1768; Elijah, (2d), b. 1765; Dorathy, b. 1769. The family lived in Canaan in 1788, and afterwards settled in Tinmouth, Vermont.*

17. JOSIAH.

48. DAVID, b. in Wethersfield, Dec 21, 1727; was a soldier in the Old French War. Being taken sick near Lake George, he procured an honorable discharge, and though

* Hon. R. R. Hinman's "Catalogue," No, 5, p. 320.

weak, he started homeward on foot. After a slow and wearisome journey of many days, he succeeded in reaching the inn of his cousin, James Kilborn, in the village of Litchfield, Conn., and being unable to proceed farther, his brother Josiah was sent for, who shortly after arrived, and remained with him until his death. He was interred in the West Burying Ground in Litchfield. Administration on his estate was granted to Joseph Kilborn, of Farmington, Dec. 5, 1758.

49. RUTH, b. in Wethersfield, 1729; m. Robert Booth, of Farmington, in 1757.

50. JOSIAH, b. in Wethersfield, in 1731; removed to New Britain with his parents in early childhood, where he continued to reside until his death. In 1754, he married Anna Neal of New Britain. His children were Josiah, William, Anna, Eunice, Lemuel, Urania, James, Aruba, Deborah and Anna. Through a long and useful life, he was distinguished for his many social virtues, his dignified deportment, and the strength and vigor of his intellect. He died in 1814, in the 84th year of his age.

51. JOHN, b. in New Britain in 1733; m. Jemima Neal, and had three sons, all of whom died in infancy. He died in New Britain in 1781.

52. RICHARD, b. in New Britain in 1735; m. Mary Bronson in 1763, and had seven children, viz., Clarissa, Mercy Iniphena, Lemon, Elijah, Rachel and David. He removed to Stephentown, Rensselaer Co., N. Y.

53. ELIZABETH, b. in New Britain; m. Jedediah Norton, of Farmington.

21. GEORGE.

54. JOSHUA, b. in New Britain, March 9, 1742; m. Mehitable Mather, July 14, 1763. His children were—Mehitable, Elizabeth, George, William and Joshua. Joshua Kilborn, Sen., died January 25, 1776, in the 34th year of his age. Mehitable, his widow, died in 1820, aged 86.

55. BENJAMIN, b. in New Britain; m. Esther Stevens, of Killingworth, in 1770, at which time he was living in Pittsfield, Mass. He subsequently lived in Washington, Berkshire Co., Mass., and Hubbardton, Vt. He had five sons and one daughter, viz., Benjamin, Phineas, George, Daniel, Esther and John. A correspondent says of him, "He was an enthusiast in religion, and always poor."

56. MARGARET, lived to an advanced age, but never married.

57. HANNAH, probably died young.

25. HEZEKIAH, A. M.

58. KATURAH, b. in Wethersfield, January 16, 1724; m. Samuel Bement, of Middletown, Feb. 11, 1748. They had sons, Samuel, b. Jan. 1, 1755; John, b. Aug. 16, 1757. Samuel Bement, Sen., died Sept. 7, 1766.

59. HEZEKIAH, b. in Wethersfield, Feb. 11, 1725, and died at sea—unmarried. His Will commences as follows:

"June 12, 1753.—On board the ship Lyon, Barbot master, from the Island of Bermuda, to Rhode Island—In the name of God, Amen: I, HEZEKIAH KILBOURN, of the town of Wethersfield, County of Hartford, and Province of Connecticut, but late of the Island of Bermuda, mariner," &c.; in which he bequeaths "the proceeds of *three hogsheads of Rum* to [his] father, Hezekiah Kilbourn, of Wethersfield, tavern-keeper." The remainder of his property he bequeathed to his brothers and sisters. Inventory taken Nov. 23, 1753.

60. ELISHA, b. in Wethersfield about 1727; m. Sarah, daughter of Capt. Jonathan Robbins, of that town, June 7, 1748, and settled in Sandisfield, Mass. He was originally a joiner and carpenter, but after his removal to Sandisfield, in consequence of the difficulty in obtaining leather, he commenced tanning hides for his own use, and afterwards for the use of his neighbors—until he ultimately became extensively engaged in the business, and amassed therein a considerable property. He laid the foundation of the extensive tanning and currying works on the stream a short distance

north of the village, where the business was afterwards for many years successfully carried on by his son, Jonathan Kilborn. The dwelling house which he built on the premises, and occupied until his death, is still standing. His children were, Elisha, Huldah, Hezekiah, Charles, Sarah, Jonathan, Ashur, Robbins, Hopeful, Robert and Allen. He died in Sandisfield, Feb. 23, 1815; aged 89; she died July 5, 1810.

61. GEORGE, b. in Wethersfield; was married, Nov. 1, 1753, by Rev. James Lockwood, to Rebecca Belding, who died, leaving one child. He was married (2d time) to Abigail Pierpont,* of New London, Nov. 10, 1763, by Rev. Edward Eels. He died Feb. 7, 1777; she died in Montville, Aug. 30, 1799. Children—Abigail, Rebecca, George, Rebecca, 2d, Joshua, Martha, Jonathan-Pierpont, and George.

62. ELIZABETH, m. James Curtis, May 8, 1749.

63. ABIGAIL, m. James Ayrault, son of Nicholas Ayrault, who was a son of Dr. Nicholas A., a French gentleman who died in Wethersfield in 1706.

64. MARY, m. Ambrose Clark, of Middletown, Aug. 2, 1750. Their daughter, Mary, was born April 17, 1754.

65. MARTHA, m. Justus Riley, of Wethersfield, Jan. 19, 1764.

66. NATHANIEL [?]. This name occurs on the Hartford Probate Records, in a single instance, in the settlement of the estate of Hezekiah Kilborn, Sen. Probably he died in youth, as aged persons now living, who recollect all the other members of this family, have no recollection or knowledge of him.

28. CAPT. JOSEPH.

67. ELISHA, b. in Litchfield, October 16, 1726; was a Grand Juror of that town in 1753. He lived on Barber's Hill, (near the present residence of Ethan O. Barber,) on

* Daughter of Thomas and Mary (Hempstead) Pierpont, of Middletown.

land given him by his father. In 1774, his real estate in Litchfield was seized by his creditors, and sold for their benefit. August 5, 1775, he sold a piece of land in Litchfield to Obed Stoddard, at which date he was residing in "Castleton, on the New Hampshire Grants." A correspondent at Castleton, Vt., under date of Feb. 17, 1854, writes—"Mr. Elisha Kilborn about whom you enquire, formerly lived near where Samuel Whitlock now resides in this town. He afterwards removed, with his son, Elisha, Jr., to Hampton, N. Y., where his descendants are still living." He had seven children, viz., Elisha, Abigail, Diadema, Mary, Lydia, Elizabeth, Jerusha.

68. ANN, b. in Litchfield, March 7, 1730; m. Thomas Goodwin, of that town, and had nine children—Amy, m. Samson Stoddard, of Watertown; Phineas, d. in the Revolution; Abi, unmarried; Mary, m. Bartholomew Williams; Uri, m. Olive Knapp; Thomas, m. Olive Kilborn; Levi, d. aged 8 years; John and Abigail.

69. LIEUT. BENJAMIN, b. in Litchfield, April 4, 1728; was married to Hannah Stoddard, Dec. 5, 1751, by Rev. Timothy Collins. She died October 3, 1756, aged 24 years —and on the 20th of March of the succeeding year, he married Lucy Bishop. He was esteemed as a man of integrity and sound judgment, and was much employed in settling the estates of deceased persons. In May 1769, he was commissioned by Gov. Pitkin, as Lieutenant of the first military company in Litchfield. On the breaking out of the Revolution, he, (in common with many prominent and influential men in his native town,) steadfastly adhered to the cause of the king. He is spoken of by those who remember him, as a man of uncommon energy of character, and was accustomed to speak with great freedom and often with severity relative to what he considered the "rebellion;" yet none were more liberal or humane to those who were suffering in the cause of their country. The following paragraph from

the Hon. R. R. Hinman's "War of the Revolution," [p.199,] shows the nature of the charges preferred against him, and at the same time exhibits the novel case of a "King's Attorney" informing against and prosecuting a subject for adhering to the king's cause.

"Hon. Andrew Adams, attorney of the king for Litchfield County, informed that BENJAMIN KILBOURN, who was Lieutenant in the 1st Military Company in Litchfield, had at sundry times declared that he wished there were ten hundred thousand regular troops then landed in the Colony, and that he would join them to subdue the Americans who were in a state of rebellion; that the commanding officer who fired upon the town of Falmouth, treated the inhabitants too mildly and gently, much more so than he would have done if he had had the command; that he would join the regulars, and would kill some of the inhabitants, &c., &c. The Legislature cashiered the said Benjamin for his offences, and an order was given to fill the vacancy in said company. And said Attorney was ordered by said Assembly to prosecute the said Benjamin for his offences." —*Proceedings of General Assembly, Special Session, Dec.*, 1775.

He continued to reside in Litchfield until some years after the close of the war, when he removed with most of his family to Elizabethtown, near Brockville, Upper Canada—being determined, as he said, to "lay his bones on King George's soil." As he was making preparations to remove, a neighbor expressed surprise that, at his age, and after the causes of difference between him and some of his fellow-townsmen had been removed, he should resolve upon emigrating to so distant a section of the country; to which he responded with characteristic zeal and earnestness—"Blood! Col. B., *I want to breathe some of King George's air before I die!*" He died at Elizabethtown in 1810, aged 83. His children were, Ruth, Lewis, Charles, Benjamin, David, Samuel, Joseph, Lucy, William and Polly.

70. JEREMIAH, b. July 17, 1733; died in infancy.

71. RUTH, b. in Litchfield, May 9, 1734; m. Nathaniel Culver, of that town, Nov. 23, 1752. They removed to Hubbardton, Vermont, where he died in 1809; she died in

1811. Their children were—Pamela, Thankful, Elizabeth, Ruth, David, *Nathaniel*,* Charles, Diodatus and Samuel.

72. SOLOMON, b. in Litchfield, March 1, 1736; was married to Anna Palmer, April 8, 1756; and died July 30, 1806. His children were, Rachel, Hannah, Jeremiah, Solomon, Anna, Olive, Whitman and Sibbil.

*Town Meeting, Litchfield*, January 3, 1782.—"Upon the memorial of Daniel Landon, *Solomon Kilborn* and David Kilborn, praying for liberty to set up a Fulling Mill on the highway which crosses the River near the jamb of Rocks, and the Report of the Committee thereon—Granted, that they may build and improve such Mill on said Highway during the pleasure of the Town, provided it be erected sixteen feet distant from the Bridge towards said Jamb of Rocks, and will damage no man's land by stopping or raising the water, or otherwise injure Individuals or the Publick."

FROM THE LITCHFIELD MONITOR.

"ROBBERS, TAKE NOTICE!—*A Reward for Reformation.*—The Villain or Villains who practice robbing the subscriber's *Oil Mill* of Flax Seed, (he having actually lost over 40 bushels within two years,) are informed, that he despairs detecting such apparently accomplished adepts, and being desirous of possessing his property, a reward of *forty silver dollars* will be given him or them who are guilty as aforesaid, on application for the same—Provided the property in said Mill shall in future be unmolested, and an assurance of Penitency and Reformation satisfactorily pledged. If, after this generous attempt to reclaim the offenders, any depredations shall be committed, it would be far better for him or them, that a *mill stone* had been tied about his or their neck, and the awful sentence of *dead, dead, dead*, uttered against them, than that they had not embraced the conditions of this advertisement.

SOLOMON KILBORN.

Litchfield, Dec. 15, 1788."

73. JEREMIAH, b. in Litchfield, 1738; the inventory on his estate was taken, Dec. 15, 1758. Among the items mentioned in it are a "wig;" "silk cap;" "plush breeches;" "leather breeches;" a "tail wig," &c.

74. CHARLES, b. February 21, 1740; was killed in youth by being run over by a cart, near the present residence

* Nathaniel Culver, (Jun.,) is the father of the Rev. Nathaniel Culver, of Boston, and grandfather of the Hon. Erastus D. Culver, formerly a member of the Assembly, and Representative in Congress from Washington Co., N. Y., and now Judge of the City Court of Brooklyn, N. Y.

of Mr. Amos Bissell, in Litchfield. The following inscription is copied from his tomb-stone:

"CHARLES, son of Capt Joseph and Mrs. Abigail Kilborn; he was Killed by a Cart, May 25, 1756, aged 17.

"Deth conquers all both yung and old,
tho' ee'r so wise, discreet and bold,
in helth and strength this youth did die,
In a Moment with out one Cry."

75. CATHARINE, b. in Litchfield, April 19, 1742; m. George Marsh, of that town, and removed to Canada. Their children were, Rebecca, Elizabeth, George, Jeremiah, Sylvia, Susan, Cyrus, Darius, Charles, Catharine and Harry.

76. ABIGAIL, b. in Litchfield, May 20, 1744; m. Zechariah Whitman, Esq., of Bridgewater, Mass. The Hon. Ezekiel Whitman, (formerly Chief Justice of Maine, and member of Congress,) writes, under date of E. Bridgewater, March 1, 1853—"I was intimately acquainted with Mrs. Abigail K. Whitman and her husband and children. She was one of the most amiable, kind-hearted and motherly of women. They had five children, viz., Kilborn, Benjamin, Cyrus, Angelina and Cassandra. Of the two daughters I may add, that they were very interesting young ladies. After they married, they removed from this town, and I had but little knowledge of them."

The children of Zechariah and Abigail Whitman, were—

(I.) Hon. KILBORN WHITMAN, b. in Bridgewater, in 1765; graduated at Harvard in 1785; and was for a while settled in the ministry in Pembroke, Plymouth Co., Mass., but subsequently studied law and became an eminent practitioner at the bar. He was chosen a Representative, Senator, member of the Governor's Council, and Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas. He married Betsey, daughter of Dr. Isaac Winslow, of Marshfield, and had ten children, viz., (1.) Isaac Winslow Whitman, graduated at Harvard in 1808, and settled as a lawyer in Nantucket, where he died; (2.) Charles Kilborn Whitman, a lawyer and Judge in Nantucket, where he died in 1853; (3.) Eliza Winslow Whitman, m. Samuel K. Williams, Esq., of Boston; (4.) John Winslow Whitman, graduated at Harvard in 1827, and lived in South Boston; (5.) Sarah Ann Whitman, m. the Hon.

Benjamin Randall, of Bath, Maine, who was a member of Congress from 1839 to 1843; (6.) Caroline Whitman; (7.) Maria Warren Whitman; (8.) James H. Whitman was educated for the bar, m. a daughter of Alden Briggs, Esq., and lives on the paternal estate in Pembroke; (9.) Frances Gay Whitman; (10.) William Henry Whitman, an attorney in Plymouth, Mass., and Clerk of the Courts for Plymouth County. The Hon. Ezekiel Whitman says,—"The Hon. Kilborn Whitman was a generous-spirited, high-minded, honorable man. His widow is still living at an advanced age."

(II.) Hon. BENJAMIN WHITMAN, b. in Bridgewater in 1768; graduated at Brown University in 1788: settled as an attorney, first in Pembroke, then in Hanover, and finally in Boston, where he was chosen a Representative, and was for many years Chief Justice of the Police Court. He m. Hannah Gardner. His children were—(1.) Zachariah Gardner Whitman, graduated at Harvard in 1807; was an attorney in Boston, and Clerk and Historian of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. He m. Maria, daughter of Maj. John Bray, of Boston; and had two other wives. He died in 1840, leaving a family. (2.) Abigail Kilborn Whitman, m. the Hon. Benjamin Thompson, M. C., of Boston; (3.) Hannah Eddy Whitman, m. John H. Pierson; (4.) Benjamin Whitman, graduated at Brown Universityin 1815, and is a lawyer in Boston; (5.) Henry M. L. Whitman, died while a member of Brown University in 1820; (6.) Calab Strong Whitman, received the degree of M. D. at Harvard in 1831, and is a practicing physician; (7.) George Henry Whitman, graduated at Harvard in 1827; an attorney in Boston, and Clerk of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co.; (8.) Mary Whitman, m. Dr. Stebbins of South Boston.

(III.) CYRUS WHITMAN, b. in Bridgewater in 1773; died young.

(IV.) ANGELINA WHITMAN, b. in Bridgewater in 1777; m. Curtis Barnes, of Hingham, Mass., in 1803.

(V.) CASSANDRA WHITMAN, b. in Bridgewater, ; m. Rev. Gaius Conant, in 1802.

77. SAMUEL, (a son of his second wife,) b. March 12, 1752, is also mentioned in Captain Kilborn's will. To him he bequeathed his "homestead and grist-mill" when he should reach the age of 21 years. His estate was settled in 1758.

29. JONATHAN.

78. JONATHAN, b. in Litchfield, March 28, 1739; m. Mehitable Agard, of Torrington, and removed to Williamstown, Mass., previous to 1764, where he died in 1772, aged

33 years. He left five sons, viz., James, Uri, Zacheus, Caleb and Joseph.

79. ELIJAH, b. in Litchfield, Jan. 17, 1743; died in infancy.

80. JOSEPH, b. in Litchfield, March 5, 1745; was married to Elizabeth Marsh, daughter of Timothy Marsh, Nov. 30, 1765, by Ebenezer Marsh, J. P. He was admitted a freeman in Litchfield, Sept. 9, 1769; was Highway Surveyor in 1772; appraiser on the estate of Barnias Beach, in 1777; appraiser on estate of Zopher Beach, in 1779. Elizabeth, his wife, died Oct. 15, 1777; and he subsequently married Mary Coe, widow of Timothy Marsh, Jr., (a brother of his first wife). Mr. K. was a soldier of the revolution, and in June, 1778, he was a prisoner. He removed with his family to Wyoming, Penn., in 1786, where he was subjected to many hardships and adversities—having been persecuted and imprisoned by the government of Pennsylvania. In 1796, he settled in Delaware, Middlesex County, Upper Canada, where he was for many years Town Clerk. He died in the latter place in September, 1807; Sarah, his widow, died in Detroit soon after.*

81. LEMUEL, b. in Litchfield; was married to Phebe Judson, of Huntington, March 17, 1762, by Rev. Jedediah Mills. He owned and lived on the premises now owned by Gen. Frederick Buel, two miles northerly of the Court House in Litchfield, on the Norfolk road. This homestead and the lands adjacent, (about 100 acres,) he sold Nov. 15, 1776, to "Nathan Taylor and John Wilmot, both of New Haven." In 1776, he was residing in Simsbury, and probably soon after settled in Granby, where he lived until he was somewhat advanced in life. The late Hon. James Kilbourne, of Worthington, Ohio, (who formerly resided in Granby,) thus wrote concerning the subject of this paragraph, a short time

* For a more particular account of the life and vicissitudes of this bold pioneer, see the narrative by his son, Aaron Kilborn, in a subsequent part of this volume.

before his death: "My brother Lemuel and myself, who lived near him, had an intimate acquaintance with him, and many friendly visits passed between our families. He was a very intelligent man, and could give many sketches of our family history from olden time. He had two sons and a daughter, viz., Lemuel J., Philo and Mary." He died in New Canaan, N. Y.

82. JEHIEL, b. in Litchfield; m. Amy Vaill, of that town, and had nine children, viz., Ozias, Urania, Rhoda, Diantha, Heman, Huldah, Sally, Heman, 2d, and Lois. He removed to Kortright, Delaware Co., N. Y., where he died April 18, 1803. Mr. K. was a soldier in Col. Bradley's regiment in the Revolution, and in June 1778, was a prisoner of war.

30. JAMES.

83. ROSWELL, b. in Litchfield, June 29, 1734; m. Irene Bacon, and had three children—Rhoda, Roswell, and Anna. Irene, his wife, died in February 1768, and in the succeeding January, he was married to Patience Jenkins, (by Rev. Judah Champion,) by whom he had Irene, Rebecca, John and Joseph. He was elected "Collector of Town Rates" in 1757; was a soldier in the revolutionary army, attached to Staunton's company, Col. Sheldon's regiment of horse, and died while in the service, of the "camp distemper," February 8, 1777.

84. APPLETON, b. in Litchfield, September 12, 1736; was admitted a freeman, April 15, 1762. He had three daughters, viz., (1.) Clarissa, who m. Heman Beach, of Litchfield, Oct. 27, 1794, and had Mercy, Milo, Clarissa, and Heman. She died in 1818; he died in 1840. (2.) Orilla, who m. Lovel Beach, of Litchfield, in 1799, and removed with him to Canada soon after the birth of their first child, Marina, in 1804; (3.) Sarah, who is still living in Litchfield, unmarried. Mr. Kilborn was a man of staid and peculiar habits, but of sound judgment and excellent sense. Though he

lived some miles from the village, he was often summoned to the Courts as a Juror, sometimes for several years in succession. He died in 1805, in the 70th year of his age. The subjoined anecdotes will serve to illustrate in some degree his characteristics:

"APPLETON KILBORN was in many respects a peculiar not to say remarkable man. In his habits and mode of thought he was singularly staid and methodical. He was a farmer of respectable means, and possessed more than ordinary intelligence and sagacity; yet he was wedded to his home, and probably never was over ten miles from it. *To church* and *to mill* constituted the ordinary extent and routine of his travels from year to year. His residence was about three miles north of the ancient edifice of St. Michael's Parish, at which place of worship he was a regular and no doubt a devout attendant. His household were always at liberty to make use of the old family horse to assist them in getting to "St. Michael's," but he invariably went on foot, carrying his gray overcoat on his arm through summer and winter—thus practically enforcing his favorite axiom—"always be *ready* for a storm." It was his custom to start for church at a given moment, as indicated by the clock, so that he as invariably arrived there about the commencement of the sermon. With such regularity was this continued for a long series of years, that it was a common remark of the congregation that it must be sermon-time when "Uncle App's" *gray coat* passed up the aisle.

Among his neighbors was Dea. Isaac Osborn, a graduate of Dartmouth College, who spent his life mainly as a teacher and farmer, and in endeavoring to solve certain mysteries of the Prophecies. Dea. Osborn at one time became deranged while in the prosecution of his favorite study, and so remained for several years. During this period, though his ordinary shrewdness continued, physical and spiritual things seemed strangely blended in his mind. Sometimes he would spend several days in the field with his surveying apparatus, defining the bounds of the "New Jerusalem," and setting off to each individual in his neighborhood his portion. At another time he designated the time and *place* of holding the General Judgment; and was enthusiastic in describing the scenes that would then and there occur. Once, after dwelling upon these coming events with more than his wonted fervor, he concluded his description as follows—"Soon after it's *all over*, 'Uncle App.' will come puffing along up, with his overcoat on his arm, saying—O well, well, well—I've got here at last!"

Uncle App. was a true patriot, and had an enthusiastic reverence for the Commander-in-chief. Nothing would so stir his blood as the name of *Washington*.

On a pleasant September morning, in 1780, Uncle App. mounted Dobbin and set out for the East mill with a load of grain. On reaching the old tavern stand of his father, on the present County House corner, in the village, a friend accosted him:

"Ha! Uncle App.—you're a *leetle* too late again, as usual."

"Why—what *has* happened now?" was the response.

"General Washington and his suite have just left here for the westward; there they go now,"—said the friend, pointing to the procession of horsemen some half a mile in the distance.

In an instant Dobbin was seen dashing off at full speed down West Hill—the bags bounding with every jump, and the long skirts of the rider's overcoat streaming in the wind. On they sped till the front of the procession was gained; when, suddenly wheeling his horse, Uncle App. confronted the glorious chieftain face to face.

"Are you General Washington?" he asked.

"I am sir," was the modest reply.

"God Almighty bless you!" was the brief but most emphatic salutation of the farmer, as he waved his hat in the air, and the next moment was quietly pursuing his way toward the mill.

This sudden interview was witnessed by a goodly number of the prominent citizens of Litchfield, who, on horseback, accompanied the General for a few miles on his way towards West Point—whither he was then bound. Washington was much pleased and affected with the incident, and Uncle App. ever afterward spoke of the interview as "the happiest moment of his life."

85. LUCY, m. Capt. Roger Marsh, *J. P.*, of Litchfield, and had ten children, viz., Honor, James, Roger, Lucy, Appleton, Horace, Abel, Susan, Aaron, Moses. She died in April, 1818, aged 85.

86. RHODA, b. May 9, 1744; m. Charles Webster, (son of Deac. Benjamin W.,) of Litchfield, and had Charles, James, Friend, Putnam, and Rhoda. The family removed to New Durham, Ulster Co., N. Y., where Mr. Webster died. The widow was married again and settled in Woodbury, Conn.

87. SARAH, b. Nov. 27, 1746; m. Laban Beach, of Milton, Feb. 25, 1765, and had ten children, viz., Laban, Rebecca, Lydia, Aaron, Lucretia, Ursula, Sarah, Julius, Andrew, and James.

88. HONOR, m. Stephen Webster, of Litchfield, (son of Dea. Benjamin W.). She died March 30, 1813, aged 75; he died Nov. 28, 1823, aged 85. Their children were (1.) Sarah, b. Sept. 8, 1765; m. Mr. Paine, of Litchfield, and had a daughter, Sally Paine, who is now the wife of the Rev. John M. Peck, D. D., of Rock Spring, Illinois. (2.) Stephen, Jr., m. Rebecca Catlin; after her death, he married her sister Olive, whose first husband was Mr. Way. (3.) Truman, m. Diana Sanford, in 1795, and had David S., Sophira, Lyman, Abigail, Anna and Sally. (4.) Orange, m. Diantha Catlin, in 1801, and had Anna, David, Stephen, Luther, James Kilborn, Orange, and Diantha B. (5.) David, went West. (6.) Honor, m. Jonathan Wright, of Litchfield. Their grandson, George F. Wright, Esq., of Hartford, is a celebrated artist. (7.) Rachel, m. Philo Moss, Esq., of Litchfield, in 1794, and had several children. (8.) Anna, m. David Buel, and Stephen Russel, Esq., of Litchfield.

89. JAMES, b. in Litchfield, January 5, 1750; m. Molly Crampton, May 14, 1771. In early life he went several voyages to sea as a whaleman. While a resident of Litchfield, he lived between the present residences of Maj. David Marsh and Gen. Buel, on the west side of the street about a mile and a half north of the Court House. During the Revolution, he entered the British army as Quarter Master; and subsequently served as Lieutenant of Artillery. In 1780, he removed with his family to Castleton, Vermont, where he continued to reside until 1798, when he emigrated to Canada. He was a tanner and currier, and farmer. His children were —James, Abel, Eli, Hiram, Sarah, Mary, Roxana and Ruth. He died at Kitley, District of Johnstown, Canada, in Dec. 1820. His wife died in Castleton, Vt., in 1794.

90. RACHEL, b. July 4, 1753; m. Silas Dibble, Feb. 7, 1772.

SAMUEL.

91. SARAH, b. in Litchfield, Jan. 13, 1726; m. Lieut. Amos Parmelee, of Litchfield. Their children were—(1.)

John, died on board a prison-ship, in New York, 1776. (2.) Anna, m. Capt. Lewis Kilborn, of Litchfield, 1782, and had Charles, Dotha, Norman and Benjamin. (3.) Polly, m. Thomas Stone, of Litchfield, 1782, and had Fanny, Norman, Orange, Leman, Julius, Alvah, Russel, Clarissa and Augustus B. (4.) Amos, Jr., m. Elizabeth Gross, 1786, and had Heman, Polly, Howell, Lucy and Lines. (5.) Desire, m. Partridge Parsons, and had Abigail, Sophia, Thirza, Irene and William Cullen. (6.) Heman, died young. (7.) Samuel.

92. GILES, b. in Litchfield, Jan. 25, 1728; m. Mary Pettibone, of Goshen, and had one son, Samuel. His wife having died, he m. Chloe Monger, and had nine children,—Rhoda, Anna, Olive, Laura, John, Mary, Elizabeth, Chauncey and Sabra. He served in two or three campaigns in the Revolution, as a substitute for his son Samuel, who had enlisted "during the war." He was by trade a joiner and carpenter, and was particularly famous as a mill-wright and church builder. Some of the best specimens of church-architecture of his day, in the counties of Litchfield and Berkshire, were of his workmanship; as are also some of the finest mansions still standing in the village of Litchfield. Among the latter, are the Lord House, the Tallmadge House, the Bacon House, &c., in North street.* He died Sept. 13, 1797; Chloe, his widow, was born in North Guilford, Conn.,

* Mr. Kilborn was accustomed to say that "no man living could put one of his frames together"—a remark which was never practically controverted. This circumstance was turned to good account to himself in one instance at least. He had been engaged to erect a church in Berkshire county, some fifty miles from his residence. As the frame was about completed, a dispute arose between him and the building committee, as to the terms, &c., upon which he abandoned the work, and went home. Other builders were immediately employed by the committee to complete the edifice; who, after in vain trying their skill at "raising" it, abandoned the undertaking as an impossibility. A sub-committee was therefore dispatched to Litchfield to induce Mr. Kilborn to return. They called upon Col. Tallmadge, and Judge Adams, told their story, and endeavored to persuade them to intercede in their behalf. Those gentlemen, however, only laughed at the quandary of the committee, remarking that Kilborn had the advantage of them, and would never attempt the job again until his understanding of the terms was strictly acceded to. They were correct in their opinion. It was not until the contract was re-written, and he was paid for his lost time, that he consented to make another trip to Berkshire.

June 2d, 1734, and died in Litchfield, Oct. 10, 1824, aged 90 years.

93. MARY, b. in Litchfield, Jan. 17, 1730; m. Ensign Nathaniel Woodruff, Nov. 5, 1749; and had eleven children, viz.,

(I.) SARAH WOODRUFF, m. Ezra Plumb, Jr., of Litchfield, June 8, 1775, and died in 1781. Her children were John, (the father of Frederick W. Plumb, Esq.,) David, and Elizabeth.

(II.) HANNAH WOODRUFF, m. —— Pierce, of Litchfield.

(III.) CAPT. SAMUEL WOODRUFF, of Litchfield.

(IV.) ANNE WOODRUFF, m. Abel Darling, of Litchfield.

(V.) THANKFUL WOODRUFF, m. Nathaniel Brown, of Litchfield, and had several children, among whom are the Rev. Solyman Brown, A. M., M. D., (graduate of Yale College in 1813,) and Augustus Woodruff Brown, M. D., both of the city of New York.

(VI.) NATHANIEL WOODRUFF, died young.

(VII.) SYBEL WOODRUFF, m. Levi Grannis, of Litchfield.

(VIII.) RHODA WOODRUFF, died 1838, unmarried.

(IX.) ASCENETH WOODRUFF, m. James Buel, of Litchfield, and had three children. After his decease, she m. Josiah Grant, of Poultney, Vt., and had a son, Chauncey Grant. The children of James and Asceneth Buel were—[I.] *Ursula Buel*, m. Peter Wheeler, and resided in New Haven, Vt. They had five children, three of whom are now living. She died a few years since. [II.] *Polly Buel*, m. a Mr. Ranney, and settled on the banks of the Susquehanna, in Pennsylvania. She has been dead several years. [III.] *Ezekiel Buel*, b. in Litchfield, Oct. 27, 1775; m. Sally Thompson of Goshen, Sept. 20, 1798; and removed to Castleton, Vermont, where she died June 12, 1818, aged 37. Mr. Buel m. for his 2d wife, Rebecca Woodward, of Castleton, Dec. 13, 1818. He died March 1st, 1834; she died Aug. 3d, 1846. The children of Ezekiel and Sally Buel were, (1.) Maria Louisa Buel, b. in 1812; m. Dr. William McLeod; resides in Detroit, Mich. (2.) Charlotte W. Buel, b. in 1802; died in Castleton in 1850—unmarried. (3.) Julian Griswold Buel, b. in 1804; graduated at Middlebury College, Vt., in 1823, and became a lawyer of eminence; died at Spring Hill, Georgia, in 1836. (4.) Julius Thompson Buel, b. in 1806; m. Sarah Ann Barney, at Whitehall, N. Y., where both are now living. (5.) Gustavus Buel, b. in 1810; m. Caroline A. Wilkins, at Castleton in 1843, at which place both are now living. (6.) Hon. ALEXANDER WOODRUFF BUEL, b. in East Poultney, Vt., Dec. 18, 1813; was m. at West Rutland, Vt., Oct. 12, 1836, to Miss Mary Ann Ackley, a native

of Laprairie, Lower Canada. He had graduated at the Vermont University, in 1830, and for three or four years subsequently he was engaged in teaching, at the same time pursuing his legal studies. In 1834, he settled in Detroit, Michigan, where he still resides, in the practice of the law. In 1836, he was appointed Attorney for the City; and in the fall of 1837, before he had reached the age of 23 years, he was elected a Representative to the Legislature of Michigan. In that honorable body he took a high position, having been chosen Speaker, *pro tempore*, on the organization of the House, and Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. He was also placed at the head of two other important committees. From 1843 to 1847, Mr. Buel was Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Wayne; and in November of the latter year was again chosen a member of the Legislature, and, on the meeting of that body, he was elected to the office of Speaker of the House. In the fall of 1848, he was chosen to represent the Detroit district in the Congress of the United States, and was placed on the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs. At the close of his Congressional term, he was nominated as the democratic candidate for re-election; but in consequence of a coalition of the whigs with the free soil party, he was defeated. In 1846, Mr. Buel was the orator of the "New England Society," at Detroit; and in 1850, the orator of the alumni of Middlebury College, on the occasion of their semi-centennial celebration. Within a few years past, the democratic party have tendered him the nomination for the office of Mayor of Detroit, and have urged him again to be their candidate for the Legislature and for Congress; but he has felt called upon to decline their solicitations—preferring the practice of his chosen profession to the cares of public life. Mrs. Mary Ann Woodruff, (wife of the subject of this paragraph,) died in Detroit, Nov. 29, 1851. (7.) Henry Smith Buel, (son of Ezekiel Buel, by his second wife,) was b. at Castleton, Vt. He m. Electa Frost, at Franklin, Mich., where both now reside. (8.) Harvey Woodruff Buel, (also by said second marriage,) was b. in Castleton, May 10, 1821; m. Esther Chapman, at Whitehall, N. Y., where both now reside.

(X.) EZEKIEL WOODRUFF, Esq., b. in Litchfield; m. Sarah Hall, of Middletown, in 1782, where he for some years resided. He had graduated at Yale in 1779; became a lawyer, and was Clerk of the City of Middletown, from 1786 to 1790. He subsequently removed to St. Davids, Canada, where he died a few years since.

(XI.) MARY WOODRUFF, m. John Russell, of Litchfield, Sept. 1, 1777. They left Litchfield in 1801, for Windham, Bradford Co., Penn., where he died in 1820, aged 68 years, leaving the following children, viz.: (1.) Edmund Russell, of Windham, Penn., m. Clarissa Grant, in 1802, and died in 1840—leaving the following children, Charles, Mary, Clarissa,

Eliza, John G., and Edmund.* (2.) Barzillai Russell, of Hartford, Conn., m. Esther Spencer, and died in 1818, leaving two children—Mary Ann, and John B. (3.) Sally Russell, m. Col. Theron Darling, in 1802, and settled in Orwell, Bradford Co., Penn. He died in 1850, leaving children—Abel P., Dennis R., Polly Ann, Adeline H., Major B., Lyman M., Elizabeth, Collin R., and Nancy E. (4.) Samuel W. Russell, of Middletown, Conn., m. Jerusha Russell, of Wethersfield, and after her decease, Lucy Dickinson of the same place. He died in Windham, Penn., in 1835, leaving two children—Jerusha, and Rockwell D. (5.) Polly W. Russell, m. Samuel Anthony, in Litchfield, Conn., in 1807, and settled in Harwinton, where he died in 1813, leaving two children—John Sherman, and Samuel Lucian. She m. for her 2d husband, James Bush, and now resides in Windham, Pa. Their children are—Loretta J., Sidna E., Edna S., and Rachel F. (6.) Henry Russell, of Owego, N. Y., m. Lydia Smith, and resides in Windham, Penn. They have had seven children, viz.,—Polly W., Amanda S., William H., John B., (drowned in 1829,) Maria L., John B., and Dennis. (7.) *John Russell*, Esq., printer, formerly editor and proprietor of "The Hartford Times," and Judge of Probate for the District of Hartford. In 1814, he m. Martha, daughter of Gurdon Wadsworth, Esq., and had four children, viz., *Gurdon W. Russell*, M. D., a distinguished citizen of Hartford, Conn., was the democratic candidate for Mayor of that city, in 1854, and lacked but seven votes of an election; Harriet, James W., and Martha Jane. Mrs. Martha W. Russell, died in Windham, Penn., in 1847; and he subsequently m. Lydia Wright Wadsworth, a sister of his first wife. John Russell, Esq., and family, now reside in Janesville, Rock Co., Wis. (8.) William Russell m. Eliza Creamer, of Middletown, Conn., in 1817, and is now living in Windham, Penn. His children are—Mary E., Catharine C., Justin A., Frances, Sarah, Frederick G., and Samuel D. (9.) Julius Russell, m. Eliza Seymour, of Hartford, Conn., and now resides in Windham, Penn. His children are—Chauncey S., Lewis S., Ralph W., Mary Ann, (died in 1843,) and Richard H. (10.) George Washington Russell, M. D., m. Susan Bear, of Waterloo, N. Y., and now resides in Ulster, Penn. He has eleven children—John B., George W., Mary Jane, Harriet, Angeline, Amanda, Maria L., Read, Sarah, Catharine and Lewis. (11.) Elizabeth Russell, m. Ivers Baker, in 1825, and now lives in Warren, Penn. She has five children.

94. CYBEL, b. in Litchfield, January 31, 1732; m. John Dibble, of Goshen.

* This Edmund Russell graduated at West Point, entered the army as Lieutenant, and received two Brevets for his gallant services in the Mexican war; and was killed by the Indians in California in 1852.

95. CAPT. JOHN, b. in Litchfield, April 12, 1735; m. Anna, daughter of Abiel Smith, of Litchfield; and removed with his father-in-law to Adams, Mass., about the year 1768, of which town he was one of the earliest settlers.* The first dwelling erected by him in Adams, occupied the site of the Friend's Meeting house.† In 1797, with most of his family, he removed to Plainfield, Otsego Co., N. Y., where he died, Sept. 5, 1820, aged 85; his widow, Anna Kilbourn, died in the same town, Nov. 30, 1823, aged 82 years. He entered the Revolutionary army in 1777, and marched for Ticonderoga; in August, the same year, he was a sergeant in Captain Parker's company. In Oct., 1780, he commanded a company in Col. Symond's regiment, "at the Vermont alarm."‡ His children were—John, Samuel, Mary Ann, Jacob, James, Abigail, Mabel, Giles and Truman.

96. TEMPERANCE, b. in Litchfield, Oct. 18, 1739; died in May, 1807; unmarried.

97. ANN, b. in Litchfield, July 4, 1742; m. Aaron Stoddard.

37. ABRAHAM, ESQ.

98. LOIS, b. in Litchfield, in 1732; m. Elkannah Hoskins, of that town, Sept. 18, 1754. After his decease she m. George Bissell, of Salisbury. The children of Elkannah and Lois Hoskins were—(1.) Abraham, b. Sept. 20, 1755; m. Hannah Stockwell, Feb. 10, 1774. (2.) Lydia, b. April 6, 1757. (3.) David, b. July 13, 1759; m. Susannah Bartholomew, March 23, 1780, and had five children—Elisha, Anne, Truman K.,§ b. April 20, 1785, Soloman and Whitman. (4.) Dorcas, b. January 30, 1765.

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* Barber's Hist. Coll. of Mass., p. 62.

† Rev. Dr. Field's Hist. of Berkshire Co.

‡ Mass. State Records. Letter from Dr. J. Curtis, Boston.

§ The Hoskins family left Litchfield many years since, and their friends in that town have no definite knowledge of their location. In 1849, my friend, C. O. Belden, Esq., (then of Milwaukee, but now of Litchfield,) had occasion to visit Fort Winnebago, in Wisconsin, where he found in charge of the government barracks, a venerable Sergeant of the U. S. Army, named Truman Kilborn Hoskins, who said he was a native of Litchfield, Conn.

99. EUNICE, b. in Litchfield, November 7, 1735; m. Capt. John Stoddard, of her native town in 1755. He died March 20, 1818, aged 82; she died October 2, 1814, aged 79. Their children were—(1.) Hannah, m. Dea. Isaac Osborn, of Litchfield. (2.) Jerusha, died (unmarried,) March 29, 1840, aged 82. (3.) Daniel, m. Lorana Stone, in 1783. His second wife was Lucretia Bishop. His children were—Lucretia, Lorana, and Daniel B. (4.) Jesse, m. Anna, daughter of Dr. Samuel Catlin, of Litchfield, and had five children—Eunice, Samuel, Harmon, Rachel and Nabby. (5.) Rhoda, m. David Westover, in 1795, and had five children—John, Clarinda, David S., Linus and Mary. (6.) Rachel, m. Jonathan Bishop, and died in 1793, aged 25. (7.) Levi, m. Patty Barrett, in 1794, and had Marilla, William, Catharine and John. He now resides in Illinois. (8.) John.

100. ISAAC, b. in Litchfield, January 16, 1737; was m. to Mehitable Doolittle, May 8, 1757, by the Rev. Solomon Palmer, Missionary. He was a Surveyor of Highways. He had a large family, several of his children having died in infancy and childhood. He died in Litchfield in 1807.

101. ABRAHAM, b. in 1740; died Sept. 3, 1767.

102. DAVID, b. in Litchfield, April 28, 1742; was m. to Louisa Borden, April 2, 1763, by the Rev. Judah Champion. She died Nov. 2, 1768, leaving one son, Theral; and he was m. to Diadema, daughter of Elisha Kilborn, June 15, 1769, by the Rev. Solomon Palmer. The children of David and Diadema Kilborn were—Orange, James, Levi, Reuben, Samuel, David, Betsey, Elisha and Erastus. Mr. Kilborn was elected a Lister and Inspector eight years between 1767 and 1787; was "Receiver of the Town Rate" in 1768 and 1772; Grand Juror in 1781, 1782, and 1790; and Selectman in 1792, 1793, and 1794. In his religious creed he was an ardent Episcopalian; was Senior Warden of St. Michael's Parish, Litchfield; Moderator of the Parish for ten years; "Surveyor of the Glebe" in 1785; and Delegate to the

Episcopal Convention for the State of Connecticut in 1793 and 1794. He died in Litchfield, Sept. 17, 1815; Diadema, his widow, died July 3, 1817, aged 69.

103. JESSE, b. in Litchfield, Jan. 2, 1744; was m. to Sarah Mattocks, Feb. 24, 1765, by the Rev. Judah Champion. The children of Jesse and Sarah Kilborn were—Lucretia, Jacob, Heman, Elizabeth, Jesse, Truman, Sarah, Molly and Diantha. Mrs. Sarah Kilborn died January 19, 1805; the second wife of Mr. K. was Clara Twitchell; his third wife was Eunice Wright. He was often a Grand Juror, Lister and Selectman; was Warden of St. Michael's Parish from 1784 to 1799; and was Delegate to the Episcopal Annual Convention in 1808. He was a man of dignified manners and sound judgment, and was highly esteemed in all the relations of life. His name appears on the Probate Records, as a Commissioner, Appraiser or Distributor of from fifteen to twenty different estates of deceased persons. He died in Litchfield, April 2, 1813.

104. REBECCA, b. in Litchfield, Jan. 26, 1746; m. Uriah Catlin, Dec. 29, 1765. Their children were—Rebecca, Capt. Horace, Heman, Olive, Lucina and Piercy. Mrs. Rebecca Catlin died Sept. 4, 1806, aged 61.

105. MARCY, b. in Litchfield in 1748; died Oct. 27, 1768, aged 20.

# GENERATION VI.

## 1. SAMUEL.

SAMUEL, b. in Monson, (then in Brimfield,) Mass., Sept. 13, 1731 ; m. Abigail Colton, of Long Meadow, Mass., Aug. 11, 1757; lived in Monson until 1772, when he removed to Wilbraham, where he died Oct. 11, 1809 ; Abigail Kilborn, his widow, died Jan. 9, 1822. Their children were—Calvin, Luther, Olive, Belinda, Abigail, Jonathan.

2. JONATHAN, m. Martha Day, July 30, 1761, and had two daughters and a son, viz., Abigail, who lived to old age and died, unmarried, in 1853; another daughter, who m. Paul Chapin, of Springfield; and Jonathan, who died in childhood. Jonathan Kilborn, the father, was found drowned in a brook near his residence. It was supposed he had fallen there in a fit.

3. MERIAM, m. Ebenezer Morgan, of Springfield.

4. SARAH, m. Joel Bliss, of Wilbraham, Mass.

## 2. CAPT. JOHN, OF WALPOLE, N. H.

5. Capt. JOHN, b. in Middletown, Conn., April 1, 1736; removed to Walpole with his father in 1749 ; m. Miss Content Carpenter, daughter of Rev. Ezra Carpenter, of Swansea, N. H., March 10, 1762. His name is signed to the "church covenant," Jan. 7, 1767 ; and he was church Treasurer in 1777. He was a Constable, Grand Juror and Justice

of the Peace; was appointed a Committee "to order the Districts for the Schools in town," in 1777; a committee "to build a bridge," in 1779; a committee to repair Cold River bridge in 1789. Captain Kilburn continued to reside in Walpole until the winter of 1793, when he removed to Shrewsbury, Vt., at which place he died, July 20, 1819, aged 83 years. Mrs. Content Kilburn, his wife, died Oct. 22, 1813, aged 73 years, 1 month and 16 days. Their children were —Theodocia, John, Ezra C., Elijah, Elizabeth and Esther.

5. JOSIAH, SEN.*

6. CAPT. EBENEZER, b. at Hebron, Conn., and removed to Gilsum, N. H., with his father, at the age of 18; m. Jemima Ford, of his native town. "He was a Captain in the revolutionary army, and subsequently a Deacon of the Congregational Church. His house was a home for the citizens of the town and the people of God. He died at his residence in Gilsum, Aug. 2, 1810, leaving ten children."† His second wife was Sarah Bill, also of Hebron, who was the mother of all his children, except the eldest. His children were—Jemima, Ebenezer, Lydia, Jehiel, David, Abigail, Sarah, Iddo, Mary and Clarissa. Jemima, (the eldest of these,) was the first white child born in the town of Gilsum.

7. JOEL, m. Sarah Bliss, of Gilsum, where he lived for several years, but subsequently removed to Jericho, Vt., and died there. His children were Josiah, Joel, Lucy, Wealthy, Ira, Sarah and Lucinda. One of these sons, Mr. Ira Kilburn, writes—"I have heard my mother tell about living in Roy-

* The following, copied from the "American Archives," is a sufficient guarantee of the patriotism of this family:

"We, the subscribers, do solemnly engage and promise that we will, to the utmost of our power, at the risk of our lives and fortunes, with arms, oppose the hostile proceedings of the *British* fleets and armies against the united *American* colonies."

JOSIAH KILBORN,
JOSIAH KILBORN, JR.,
EBENEZER KILBORN,
JOEL KILBORN."

"GILSUM, N. H., May 30, 1776.

† MS. letter from Rev. David Kilburn.

alton, in the Revolution, when the Indians burned the town," &c.

8. REV. JOSIAH, *A. M.*, born at Hebron, Oct. 13, 1752—removed to Gilsum with his father at the age of two years, at which time there was not another family in the town. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1778, and was ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational Church in Chesterfield, Mass., in 1780; m. Temperance Dewey, of Gilsum, and died a few months after his ordination, aged 29 years.

### 21. LIEUT. JOHN.

9. JOHN, ESQ., b. in Clermont, N. H., Feb. 2, 1772, where he resided with his mother until 1794, when he removed to Wethersfield, Vt. and was there married to Nancy Melinda Hubbard, daughter of Col. Joseph Hubbard, on the 29th of November, 1795. While a resident of the latter place, he was engaged in the mercantile business. In 1799, he settled in Bristol, Addison county, Vt.; in 1801, he was commissioned as Captain of Light Infantry, and the same year received and accepted the appointment of Justice of the Peace, which latter office he held for a period of eleven years. In 1820, he removed with most of his family to Clinton, Niagara District, Canada West, where he continued to reside until his death, March 14, 1843, aged 71 years, leaving a widow and ten children. The names of his sons are John Henry, Rowley, Harmon, Adolphus and Cyrus.

### 22. BENJAMIN.

10. LUCRETIA, b. in Bolton, Conn., Nov. 11, 1756; died in Wyoming, Penn., in 1776.

11. ELIZABETH, b. in Bolton; m. Ozias Bissell, of Manchester, Conn.

12. LUCY, b. in Bolton; m. Daniel Lawrence, who was killed at the "Wyoming Massacre," Penn., in 1778; she subsequently became the wife of Ebenezer Strong, of Bolton, Conn.

13. SERGT. BENJAMIN, b. in the Province of Nova Scotia, in 1761, and removed with his father to Wyoming, Pa., in 1774. He was Sergeant of a Company of Light Infantry at the capture of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Va., in 1781. After the war, he married Miss Denning, of Pennsylvania, and settled in Blount Co., Tennessee, and had nine children, viz., William, Elizabeth, Hannah, Benjamin, Mary, James, Nancy, Jane and Sarah. Sergt. Kilbourn died in 1828; his widow lived to a very advanced age, and died in Madisonville, Monroe Co., Tennessee, April 21st, 1854.

14. JOHN, b. in Nova Scotia, in 1763; removed thence to Wyoming, and thence to Connecticut with his father. In 1781, at the age of 18 years, he enlisted as a volunteer for the defence of Fort Trumbull, near New London. While the British were on their way to destroy New London, they were much annoyed by the firing from this Fort, and a detachment of the enemy was sent to capture it. The fortification had been finished only on the water side, the land side being in a very defenceless condition. From the time the firing commenced, the subject of this paragraph had been stationed at a twelve pounder, with which he did good service. An incessant discharge was kept up by the little garrison, until the enemy was just upon them, when the order was given by the American Captain to spike the guns and cross to Fort Griswold, on the opposite side of the Thames. Kilbourn and three or four others, having stayed in the fort a few moments longer than their companions, in order, as they said to give the enemy "one more shot," did not reach the water's edge until the boat had shoved off. They seized another boat (which had the day before been taken from the refugees,) and had just pushed from the shore, when the red-coats made their appearance on the bluff directly above them, commenced firing, and demanded a surrender. They surrendered, and were taken on board a frigate which lay in sight. After New London had been destroyed and Fort Griswold had been captured, the prisoners above alluded to, with ac-

cessions from the last named fort, were taken to New York, where they were confined in the memorable "Sugar House." On the arrival of the tidings of Cornwallis' capture, the American prisoners were exchanged, and John Kilbourn returned to Connecticut. Eight or ten years after his liberation, he emigrated to Virginia, and married Mary Erwin, of Rockingham county, in that State, and became extensively engaged in purchasing cattle for the Baltimore market. He subsequently removed to Kentucky, but after a few years residence there, the uncertainty of land titles caused him to leave that State in 1805, and settle in Ohio. He died near Chillicothe, March 5, 1829, leaving four sons, viz., John, Samuel, Benjamin and Gustavus. He also had nine daughters, viz., Elizabeth, Mary, Lucretia, Jane, (all of whom were dead in 1846,) Amelia, Ann, Hannah, Harriet and Lucinda.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

"We, your Honor's Committee, appointed to take into consideration the memorial of Adam Shapley and William Latham, in behalf of themselves and the rest of the surviving officers and soldiers belonging to the Garrisons of Fort Griswold and Fort Trumbull, having enquired into the matter therein represented, beg leave to report:

"That we find that Capt. Adam Shapley was dangerously wounded but not captivated; that Capt. William Latham, Lieut. Jabez Stow, Jonathan Minor, Jeremiah Harding, JOHN KILBOURN, Josiah Smith, Isaac Rowley, Reuben Bushnell and Levi Dart, were wounded and carried prisoners to New York, and were plundered of their clothes, blankets, &c.; that Lieut. Stow was robbed of about £7 in hard money—that he afterwards borrowed of some friends in New York about $40, with which he provided some small clothing for himself and the other prisoners and to procure a subsistence for them, and one dollar he gave to each private soldier to support them on their way home from New Jersey, where they were landed on their discharge; and that during their captivity they endured great hardships. Whereupon we beg leave to submit it to your Honors as our opinion that Lieut. Stow ought to be paid the said sum of $40, and also £6, for the money that was plundered from him, and that the Committee of Pay Table ought to be empowered to settle and adjust their amounts for the loss of clothing, side-arms, &c., as they have done in similar cases. And as an acknowledgment of their bravery and suf-

ferings, a gratuity of an Honorary Medal of Silver Plate ought to be presented to the said Capt. Shapley, Capt. Latham, and Lieut. Stow, by this State, each of the bigness of life, of two inches and a half square, or equal in any other figure, with suitable emblems engraved thereon ; and that a like Medal of half that bigness, with the emblem of a Fort engraved thereon, be presented to each of the private soldiers aforesaid—the whole expense of said Medals to be paid out of the avails of confiscated estates, as soon as the Treasury shall be supplied with money arising out of said estates, and that the same be procured by the Governor and his Council of Safety.

"All which is respectfully submitted by
your Honor's humble servants,

JOHN CANFIELD,
JOSEPH P. COOKE, } *Committee.*
HEZEKIAH HUBBARD.

Hartford, Jan., 1782."

15. GUSTAVUS, b. in E. Hartford, April 1, 1766; m. Betsey Skinner, of Bolton, in 1788. After residing a few years there and at New Hartford, Conn., he removed to New Hartford, N. Y., where he held the office of Deacon of the Congregational Church, and died much lamented in 1841. He was Collector of State Taxes in New Hartford, Conn., in 1799. His widow d. in Utica, N. Y., in 1853, aged 90.

FROM THE NEW YORK EVANGELIST.

"Died in New Hartford, Oneida Co., on the 18th ult., Deac. GUSTAVUS KILBURN, aged 76. A few reminiscences of one who, by the Apostle's rule "is worthy of double honor," it is thought may not be uninteresting nor unprofitable. Mr. K. was born in East Hartford, Conn., A. D., 1766. His parents were both professedly pious. But little is known of the history of his childhood; yet from his very intimate acquaintance with the Scriptures in his youth, it is presumed that, like Timothy, he received early parental instruction in them. About the time of entering upon the active duties of life, he is supposed to have experienced the renewing and sanctifying grace of God; and he publicly dedicated himself to the Lord, by uniting, at the age of 22, with the Church in Bolton, Conn., where he then resided. Consequently he sustained a membership in the visible church for more than half a century. About 40 years ago he removed from Connecticut to New Hartford, N. Y., then very recently settled, and comparatively a wilderness; transferring his ecclesiastical relationship to the Presbyterian Church in that place at the commencement

of the year 1803. Five years subsequent to that date, he was elected a Ruling Elder, which office he held for nearly thirty-four years, till released by the mandate which summoned him to the retributions of Eternity. None who sustained office when he was elected—and few who were members then—now survive.

Disease had long preyed upon him: and although possessed of a vigorous physical constitution, he knew it might ultimately conquer him. But it suddenly changed its aspect—and death came in a shape little expected. He had been watching and expecting its approach in one form, but it came in another. The admonition, therefore, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him," was not probably so quickly and distinctly heard as it otherwise would have been. Yet having anchored his hope on Jesus, this little veering of the wind was not sufficient to drift him from his moorings. His sole reliance, he distinctly stated, as he approached "the river," was the word of Jesus Christ.

Mr. K. was warmly attached to the doctrines of Grace. Favored in the early part of his Christian life with the ministrations of that ardent and and discriminating preacher of the Gospel, Dr. Griffin, in New Hartford, Conn., it is not surprising that he became a thorough indoctrinated hearer. His natural disposition was unobtrusive—and his piety of course partook of this feature of his character. Still he was not backward to promote and defend the cause of Christ at all proper times and places. The doctrine of Divine Sovereignty in the election of the subjects of grace, was, in his view, indubitable; yet he by no means disparaged the use of all appointed means, but placed firm reliance upon them as God's Instrumentalities for the reclaiming of the sinner.

As a Christian, he was humble, steady, conscientious, and greatly distrustful of himself. Indeed, cautiousness seems to have peculiarly characterised him, and to have manifested itself both in his private and official character. As a ruler in the house of God, he deeply felt the responsibility of his station; and while he exercised charity for all who gave evidence of piety, he carried with him to the ecclesiastical judicatory that caution just noticed. He possessed a good understanding of ecclesiastical affairs, and was truly attached to the doctrines and discipline of the Presbyterian church.

In the various relations of life, as husband, father, friend or neighbor, he sustained an unblemished character, being warm, true and firm, in all his attachments. "But the fathers, where are they?" Gone. May they who remain "give up their lives," "trim their lamps," and when the bridegroom comes, "go out" with joy "to meet him."

16. CLEOPATRA, (twin with Gustavus,) m. John Skinner, of Bolton. She died at the age of 83 years.

17. HANNAH, b. in Bolton, May 17, 1768; m. Phineas Foster, of Windsor, Sept. 22, 1796. Mr. Foster d. April 7, 1812. Mrs. Foster, the widow, m. Elihu Mills, Esq., of Windsor, in Dec. 1823. He died in 1835. She died in 1851, aged 83 years. The children of Phineas and Hannah Foster were—(1.) Electa, b. in Barkhamsted, Conn., in 1797; m. Ebenezer E. Strong, of Bolton, in 1827; removed to Bloomington, Illinois, where she d. in 1840, leaving three children—Phineas R., Lewis F., and Mary E. (2.) Rev. Lemuel, b. in Barkhamsted, Nov. 24, 1799; graduated at Yale College in 1828; m. Lydia Cowdery, of Hartland, in 1831. In 1833, he was employed by the American Home Missionary Society to labor as a Congregational clergyman in Illinois, where he still remains. (3.) Chester, b. in Barkhamsted, April 12, 1802; m. Elvira E. Cornish, of that town, in 1837, and removed to the State of Ohio. (4.) Lucy, m. Ichabod Warner, of Bolton, in 1829; he d. in 1835. Their children are—Harriet E., Samuel F., and Lydia Ann. (5.) Rev. Lewis, b. in Barkhamsted, Feb. 5, 1807; graduated at Yale College in 1831; m. Elizabeth G. Harrison, of New Haven, in 1835. The following is the inscription on his grave-stone in Clinton, Conn.: "The Rev. LEWIS FOSTER, Pastor of the First Church in Clinton, ordained Dec. 4, 1834; triumphed over Death, Oct. 27, 1839, aged 33 years. In remembrance of his ministry, short, but greatly blessed of God, the members of his church, hoping to meet him in a joyful resurrection, have placed this stone to guard his dust." (6.) Hannah, m. Jonathan B. Gillett, of Bloomfield, in 1835; and d. in West Meriden, in 1852. Their children were—Mary E., Edward F., Gustavus K., and Hannah L.

18. JONATHAN, was drowned in the Susquehanna river at Wyoming, in 1774, aged four years.

19. MOSES, b. in 1772; m. Sally Dwight, of Belchertown, Mass., and there settled. Died in Bolton in 1841. Descendants living in the Western States.

23. GERSHOM.

20. MOSES, b. Feb. 7, 1758, in Orange, Essex Co., N. J.; was a soldier in the Revolution, at the close of which he settled in Windsor, Conn., where he m. Margaret Phelps. They had three children—viz. (1.) Abner Lewis, who settled in Orange, N. J., where he m. Phebe Crane. (2.) Charlotte, m. James Thrall, and removed to Ohio in 1804. She d. about 1824, leaving five children. (3.) Moses Arnold, who m. Nancy Lewis, and now lives near Westfield, Mass. They have one son, Lyman, and perhaps other children. Moses Kilborn died in Windsor, in 1790; Margaret, the widow of Moses Kilborn, m. Alexander McKirgan; two of her sons by the last marriage, now reside in South Orange, N. J.

21. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 29, 1761; d. Dec. 13, 1778.

22. ABNER, b. July 20, 1765; d. Aug. 27, 1779.

23. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 20, 1769; d. April 28, 1770.

24. JABEZ DAVIS, Esq., b. in Orange, N. J., Oct. 31, 1773; m. Esther Baldwin, and had six children, viz., Elizabeth, Thomas D., Isaac B., Charles L., Mary and Mary 2d. He was a prominent and worthy citizen of Essex County, and held the offices of Moderator, Judge of Elections and Commissioner of Appeals. He was Vice President of the County Convention which met at the Court House in Newark, N. J., Tuesday, April 3d, 1844, by which the Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen was first formally proposed for the office of Vice President of the United States; and in September of that year, he was President of a mass meeting of the citizens of Essex County, in Newark. The Hon. David B. Ogden and Col. Starkweather, of New York, and the Hon. J. Randolph, M. C., were among the speakers at the latter. Mr. Kilburn died Sept. 23, 1849.

25. DANIEL, b. Oct. 30, 1775; d. Nov. 10, 1776.

26. CAPT. DANIEL, b. in Orange, N. J., May 30, 1778; m. Phebe Baldwin in Sept. 1796, and had nine children, viz.,

Samuel D., Julian, Abby B., Eunice H., Gershom, Lydia L., Daniel J., Oliver H. P., and Mary O. He served as Captain of Artillery in the war of 1812, and was stationed at Sandy Hook and in New York city. During the administration of John Quincy Adams, he was appointed "Census Marshall" for the northern district of New Jersey ; and has since been Town Clerk, Judge of Elections, and Deputy Sheriff. He died suddenly, of a disease of the heart, in the city of New York, Aug. 24, 1839. His widow died of consumption, March 29, 1848.

24. JONATHAN, ESQ.

27. MARY, b. in Colchester, Aug. 10, 1735 ; m. Elisha Bigelow, May 21, 1751. She died Jan. 11, 1765—leaving seven children, viz., Elisha, Molly, Benjamin, Mary, Noah, Joel and Lydia. Mr. Bigelow had two subsequent wives, Deborah Chapman, and Thankful Beebe, and had children by each.

28. JONATHAN, b. in Colchester, March 19, 1737 ; d. May 15, 1737.

29. LYDIA, b. in Colchester, April 28, 1738 ; d. July 1, 1738.

30. LYDIA, b. in Colchester, May 2, 1739 ; m. Ezra Waterman. She died in 1768, aged 30 years.

31. CAPT. JONATHAN, b. in Colchester, April 12, 1742 ; m. Hannah Chapman, Oct. 2, 1766. He settled in East Haddam, and for many years, in copartnership with his brother David, carried on an extensive business at "Kilborn's Mills," on Salmon River, in that town. He was an officer in the Revolution, having been commissioned as a Lieutenant (June 14, 1776,) of the 1st company, 4th battalion of "the troops raised to march immediately to New York, and there join the continental army ;" and in Oct. 1778, he was commissioned as Captain of the 3d company, 25th regiment. Captain K. was a man of much enterprise and public spirit, and was appointed to various civil offices. Hannah, his wife,

died May 25, 1792, in the 60th year of her age. He died a few years afterwards.

32. DAVID, Esq., b. in Colchester, Nov. 13, 1744; m. Lydia Abel, Nov. 5, 1767, and settled in East Haddam. He was much in public life, as Grand Juror, First Selectman, Auditor of Public Accounts, Moderator, and Chairman of Highway Committee; and was a Justice of the Peace for twelve years, from 1787 to 1799. He was also a Deacon of the Church, and in October 1789, he was commissioned as Captain of the 3d company, 25th regiment of Connecticut militia. He was a partner in the works at "Kilborn's Mills" during a large part of his active life. He died at the residence of his son, Samuel A. Kilborn, in Liberty, Sullivan Co., N. Y., August 6, 1812; Lydia, his widow, died in the same place, Sept. 6, 1816.

25. HEZEKIAH.

33. HEZEKIAH, b. in Colchester; m. Mary Holmes, Dec. 27, 1853, and had four children, viz., John, Joseph, Sarah and Amasa. He was Surveyor of Highways, in Colchester, in 1755 and 1769. He became deranged, and died in January, 1807.

FROM THE CONNECTICUT COURANT, JAN. 21, 1807.

"DIED—In Colchester, Mr. *Hezekiah Kilborn*, aged 77. The case of this man has hitherto been unprecedented in this country. Until he was fifty years of age, he supported those Christian virtues which add dignity to an intelligent and cultivated mind. He then, by degrees, became insane. Three years elapsed, and it was found necessary for his family's safety, to confine him in chains. In this situation he remained twenty-five years, when he imbibed the idea that he should be poisoned to death. He accordingly refused to take food of any kind, (tobacco and water excepted,) and strange to tell, *he fasted sixty-two days!* He then, by the solicitation of his attendants, as with a ravenous appetite, received into his stomach one large spoonful of milk, and again refused subsistance. He survived for two days after taking the milk, when death closed the melancholy scene."

34. ASA, b. in Colchester; m. Sarah Holmes, and had children—Eliphaz, Aurona, Cyrenus, John and Wentworth.

He m. a second wife in Connecticut, and removed to Rome, Oneida county, N. Y., and died there some fifty years since.

35. ELIJAH, b. in Colchester, in which place he lived and died. He was twice married—by his first wife he had three children, viz., Elijah, Asa and Ellis; by his second wife, (Sally Welles,) he had ten children, viz., Sally, Lucy, Ira, Amasa, Clarissa, Lydia, Mary, Alford and Ralph. He died in Colchester, Sept. 30, 1804. David Kilbourn, Esq., was the Executor of his last Will and Testament.

36. ANNA, b. in Colchester; m. Uriah Clark, Oct. 24, 1751, and had Shubael, Uriah, Anna, Ashbel, and perhaps others.

37. ELIZABETH, b. in Colchester; m. Rev. Jacob Quiterfield, Oct. 25, 1759.

38. DIMMIS, b. in Colchester; m. Nehemiah Day, of Dalton, Mass., Aug. 21, 1766, and had six children, viz., Amasa, Hezekiah, Abraham, Nehemiah, Diadema and Elijah.

### 30. JOSEPH OF GLASTENBURY.

39. MARY, b. January 9, 1745; d. at the age five years.

40. ANN, b. February 16, 1749.

41. MARY, (2d,) b. March 6, 1752; m. Mr. Pratt, and had issue. After his decease, she m. Thomas Matson, and removed to the State of New York.

42. MABEL, d. in infancy.

43. ABIGAIL, d. at the age of six years.

44. LUCY, b. March 4, 1758; m. Elizur Tryon, of Glastenbury, and had nine children, viz., (1.) Lucy, b. 1777; m. Daniel Caswell, of Glastenbury, and had six children, viz., Caroline, Lucy Ann, Charlotte, Jared, Francis and Austin. (2.) Jemima, b. 1779; m. Capt. Jeremiah Goodrich, of South Glastenbury, and had five children, viz., Mary Ann, David, Augusta, Lucy Tryon and Elizur Tryon.* (3.) David, b.

* Of the house of Thacher, Goodrich & Stillman, dry goods merchants, Main st., Hartford.

1782; m. Densey Stevens, and had seven children, viz., Emeline, Elmira, Anson, Clarissa, Mary Jemima, Franklin A., and George Goodrich. (4.) Elizur, m. Lucinda Tryon, and had Lucia and Washington. (5.) Noah, m. Elizabeth Goodrich, and had five children, viz., Ralph Henry, Noah Goodrich, Elizabeth, Anne J. and John Edwards. (6.) Nancy. (7.) Clara. (8.) Grove Anson, m. Abigail Dudley, and had Lydia Melissa and Edwin Crayton. (9.) Caroline, who d. at the age of eleven months.

45. ESTHER, b. May 8, 1760; m. William Miller, of Glastenbury, and had eight children, viz., (1.) Harriet, b. 1787; m. Israel Goodrich, of Glastenbury, and had four children—Orson, Mary, Jared and John. (2.) Clara, b. 1789; m. Chauncey Hale, of New Britain, and had eight children—Harriet, Julia, William Chauncey, Elizabeth, Henry Kingsbury, Frances, Sophia and Jane. (3.) Erastus, b. 1791; d. unmarried, 1851. (4.) Matthew, b. 1793; m. Laura Wright, and settled in East Guilford, Chenango Co., N. Y. He has eight children—Jane, William, Julia, Eliza, Charles, Franklin, Laurette and Austin. (5.) Fanny, m. Rev. Octavius Fitch, of Newfield, N. Y. (6.) Emeline, m. Charles Parsons, of East Bainbridge, N. Y., and had—Mary, Julia, Erastus Miller, James and Franklin. (7.) William, Jr., b. 1803. (8.) Almira, m. Joshua Bailey, of Cohoes, N. Y. Mr. William Miller, Sen., died May 11, 1814; his widow has since deceased.

46. ABRAHAM, b. in Glastenbury, November 13, 1762; m. Mary, daughter of Moses Smith, of East Hartford, June 7, 1789, who d. January 19, 1805. His second wife, was Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel Warner, of East Haddam. Mr. Kilbourn was a soldier in Col. Woodbridge's regiment in the revolutionary army. He died in his native town, May 8, 1812. The children of Abraham and Mary Kilbourn were (1.) *Laura*, b. May 17, 1791; m. Jacob Nash Torrey, of Ashford, Conn., and had ten children, viz., David Kilbourn

Torrey, who was killed by the banditti on his return from the city of Mexico to Texas; 2. John Frink Torrey, was a resident of Texas in 1852, but is now in California; 3. Thomas Stebbins Torrey, Esq., Indian Commissioner for Texas, died some years since, while on his way to Texas; 4. Laura Torrey died in Hartford, Conn.; 5. James Nash Torrey, one of the "Meir prisoners" shot by order of Santa Ana, during the Texian war; 6. Mary Elizabeth Torrey, died in Hartford; 7. Jacob Tudor Torrey, was living in the city of Mexico in 1852; 8. George, died in infancy; 9. George (2d); 10. Abraham Kilbourn Torrey, living in 1852. (2.) *Betsey*, b. June 8, 1793; m. Dr. Carpenter, and had issue; she d. in East Hartford. (3.) *Electa*, b. Jan. 30, 1795; d. in Tolland. (4.) *Emily*, b. June 15, 1797; m. Mr. Crandall, of Tolland, and d. there. (5.) *Mary*, (daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth Kilbourn,) b. August 11, 1806; m. Anson Warner, of Greenfield, Mass., and had two children —Kilbourn and Jennette.

47. JOSEPH, b. in Glastenbury, April 1, 1765; m. Hannah, daughter of Philip Sellew, April 4, 1793. She d. Jan. 23, 1826; and on the 22d of May, 1832, he was m. to Onnor House, who still survives. Mr. Kilbourn d. at his residence in Glastenbury, May 14, 1851, aged 86 years. The children of Joseph and Hannah Kilbourn were—Austin, Sophia, Ogden, Eliza and Horace.

### 33. JOHN.

48. CAPT. SAMUEL, b. in East Hartford in 1744; m. Sarah Bunce, of Hartford, and had six children—Sarah, Samuel, William, Jerusha, Henry and Maria. He went to sea early in life, and was impressed on board a British man-of-war, where he was detained five years—three years of which he was not permitted to go on shore. After his release, he became commander of a trading vessel, and subsequently was a successful merchant in Hartford. That part of the city through which "Kilbourn street" passes belonged to his

estate, and from him took its name. He was a member of the Common Council of the city of Hartford in 1806, and again in 1807. He d. Dec. 9, 1817, aged 73 years. The "American Mercury" of Dec. 18, of that year, in announcing his death, says—"With habits of industry, prudence and virtue, he rose to affluence, and died as he had lived, high in the estimation of all who knew him."

49. JOHN, b. in East Hartford in 1747; m. a daughter of Sylvanus Andrus, of Hartford, and had one son, John.

50. STEPHEN, b. in East Hartford, in 1749; m. Miss Risley, of that place, and had four children—Samuel, Stephen, Mercy and Peggy.

51. MARY, b. in 1751; m. William Barnard, of Hartford.

52. MARTHA, b. in East Hartford, in 1754; d. July 4, 1798; unmarried.

53. FREEMAN, b. in East Hartford, in 1756; settled in Front street, Hartford; became extensively engaged as a shipping-merchant in the West India trade, and amassed a large estate. He m. Ann Brummagen, and had six children —Freeman, Daniel, Hezekiah, Abigail, Anna and Hepsibah. He d. in Hartford, March 23, 1823. Among the bequests in his Will is the following:

"I give and bequeath to my Executor and Nephew, HENRY KILBOURN, ten dollars, to be laid out in a Cane, that when tottering with age he bends over it, the Grave may not obliterate the remembrance of an old man and departed Uncle."

34. THOMAS.

54. THOMAS, b. August 25, 1729; m. ———, and had five children—James, Mary, Noah, Esther and Ashbel. He died at sea, June 14, 1759, aged 30 years. He was mate of the ship of which his brother Nathaniel was captain.

55. CAPT. NATHANIEL, b. June 15, 1731; m. Abigail ——, and had three daughters. He died at sea, June 14, 1759—the same day and on board the same ship with his

brother Thomas—a circumstance which led to suspicions that they were murdered by the crew, though nothing was ever proved against them. On a tombstone in the burying ground back of the Centre Church in Hartford, is the following inscription: "Mrs. Abigail Kilbourn, Relict of Capt. Nathaniel Kilbourn, who departed this life January 19, 1798, aged 71 years." The daughters of Capt. Nathaniel Kilbourn were—(1.) Rebecca, m. Isaac Mason. (2.) Mary Ann, m. —— Walker. (3.) Susannah, m. John Bunce, Jr., of Hartford, and had children, among whom was the late Dea. Russell Bunce, who was the father of *James M. Bunce*, Esq., recently President of the Hartford, Providence and Fishkill Railroad Company, and *John L. Bunce*, Esq., cashier of the Phœnix Bank, Hartford.

56. THANKFUL, b. 1733; d. Oct. 13, 1740, aged seven years.

57. SUSANNAH, b. 1735; d. Oct. 19, 1740, aged five years.

58. JEREMIAH, b. Oct. 22, 1737; d. at sea (unmarried,) May 30, 1759.

59. RUSSELL, b. Feb. 23, 1739; m. Mary, daughter of David Hills, Oct. 31, 1765, and had ten children—Russell, Anna, Thomas, Mary, Nathaniel, Jeremiah, Susan, Clarissa, Emily and Hezekiah. He was a Surveyor, Lister and Selectman. He d. in East Hartford, Sept. 30, 1816, aged 77.

60. MARY, b. 1742; d. Oct. 14, 1748, aged six years.

61. JERUSHA, b. 1744; m. John Wadsworth, of East Hartford. She d. Oct. 9, 1805, leaving a daughter, Jerusha, who m. Lieut. Smith.

38. LIEUT. SAMUEL.

62. EUNICE, b. in Chatham, Feb. 25, 1772; m. William Flowers. She d. Sept. 23, 1827.

63. DEBORAH, b. in Chatham, May 11, 1774; m. Jonathan Penfield. She d. May 1, 1831.

64. ELIZABETH, b. in Chatham, June 15, 1776; d. Jan. 11, 1780.

65. MARY, b. in Chatham, Sept. 15, 1778.

66. ELIZABETH, (2d,) b. in Chatham, Feb. 8, 1781; d. May 7, 1781.

67. SAMUEL SHAILOR, b. March 29, 1782; m. Betsey Brown, of Chatham, Jan. 16, 1803, at which time he was a resident of Buckland, Mass. He d. in Buckland, Dec. 15, 1814. He had several children, among whom is Clark Kilbourn, of Annsville, Oneida Co., N. Y., recently a Deputy Sheriff of that County.

68. SOPHIA, b. Nov. 2, 1786; m. and removed to the West.

69. SALLY, b. May 7, 1789;* m. Dea. Joel Strickland, of Portland, Conn., and has several children.

70. LUCINDA, b. in Ashfield, Mass., July 10, 1792; settled in the Western country.

40. JACOB.

71. TIMOTHY, b. in Ashfield, Mass.; in 1845, he was residing in Orleans, Jefferson County, N. Y., and had a large family. He has since removed to the West.

72. JONATHAN, b. in Ashfield; m. Eunice Matthews, and has had thirteen children—Julia, Eunice, Hannah, Ebenezer, Jonathan, Mary, Eliza, Samuel, Jerusha, George, Horatio, Augusta and Henry. He is now a resident of Stamford, Vermont.

73. DAVID, b. in Ashfield; emigrated to the State of New York, where he lived for several years, and then removed West.

74. SAMUEL, b. in Ashfield; removed to the State of New York, and d. there.

* All of the children of Lieut. Samuel Kilbourn, except Lucinda, were baptised by the Rev. Benjamin Boardman, pastor of the Church in Middle Haddam, though their baptisms are entered on the church records of East Hampton. Mr. Boardman may have officiated in *both* parishes.

75. ELIJAH, b. in Ashfield; lived for several years in the State of New York, and then removed West.*

### 44. LIEUT. TIMOTHY.

76. TIMOTHY, b. in Newington, May 9, 1752. At the breaking out of the Revolution, he entered the service of his country, and was engaged in the Battle of Bunker Hill, besides sharing various subsequent perils and losses in the war. He had three sons, viz., Samuel, Timothy and Anson. He lived and died in Simsbury.

77. SETH, b. in Newington, Oct. 12, 1754; m. Lois Blinn, by whom he had two children, Elisha and Prudence; his wife having died, he then m. Hannah Churchill, and had sons, Seth and Hiram. He was a soldier of the Revolution. He d. in New Britain in 1802.

78. HAPPY, b. Aug. 26, 1757; m. Gen. Levi Lusk, of Newington. General Lusk was a Brigadier General in command during the war of 1812; and was subseqently Major General of militia. He was often a Representative from Wethersfield, and was a Delegate to the Convention which formed our present State Constitution. He d. in 1824, aged 67; she d. in 1840, aged 83. Their children were, (1.) Mary, m. Jedediah Deming, of Newington; (2.) Prudence, m. Maj. Enos Deming, of Newington; (3.) Lucy, m. Mr. Colton, and settled in Ohio; (4.) Harriet, m. Capt. Benjamin Hopkins, of Newington.

79. SIMON, b. in Newington, Nov. 23, 1759; m. Eunice Kirkham, and had children, Abigail, Nancy, Sabra, Sarah, Elizabeth, Henry, Erastus, Horace, Mary and Chauncey. The following Declaration of Simon Kilbourn was forwarded to the Pension Office at Washington, some years since, upon his application for a Pension, which was granted.

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* The other children of Jacob Kilbourn, (viz. Anna, Jacob, Hannah and Ebenezer,) died of malignant fever in 1813. [See p. 97.]

I am indebted to Samuel H. Parsons, Esq., of Hartford, for a copy of it.

The petitioner declares, "That he entered the service of the United States as a private, in a company commanded by Captain Hezekiah Wells, and Lieut. Hanmer, of Wethersfield, in or about the month of September, 1778; that the said company belonged to a regiment of militia commanded by Colonel Thomas Belden; that he was drafted for two months, and continued to serve in said corps until in or about the month of November, 1778, when he was dismissed from the service in or near New London, Connecticut; that he was marched from Wethersfield to New London, and crossed the river Thames to Groton, and there was employed in building a fort called Fort Griswold. The deponent further declares, That he entered the said service a second time by enlisting into a company commanded by Capt. Hubbard, of Glastenbury, Hezekiah Wyllys being Colonel of the regiment; that he left Wethersfield about the month of June, 1779, and marched to New London, where he served three months; that he was employed to keep guard near the lighthouse on the New London shore or beach of Long Island Sound—and was employed at Mohegan, between Norwich and New London, in cutting fascines which were used in building the fort on the outside; that he was honorably dismissed after serving three months, and returned to Wethersfield. The deponent further declares that he entered the service of the United States a third time, as a substitute for his father, Timothy Kilbourn, who was drafted in the militia of Wethersfield; that he served two months at New London, under Captain Wells, of Wethersfield, James Wells, Lieutenant, about the months of March and April, 1780; that he was employed in building a fort west of the city of New London, upon the hill, which the soldiers called "Fort Nonsense," being considered by them as useless."

He died in Newington, Nov. 6, 1839, aged 80 years.

80. ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 16, 1764; m. Mr. Buttricks, and removed to the Black River country, where she died.

### 50. JOSIAH.

81. CAPT. JOSIAH, was b. in New Britain, in January, 1756. In April, 1775, at the age of 19 years, he entered the Revolutionary army, and there continued until the close of the war. He participated in all the fighting in the vicinity of Boston, and was in the battles of Flatbush, Harlem Heights, White Plains, Monmouth, and many others, in

which he was several times wounded. He arose gradually from a private to respectable commands, the last of which was that of Captain in the Quarter Master's Department. Those were indeed days of peril and calamity. When the enemy were burning the towns in the south part of Connecticut, previous to their driving Washington from Long Island and New York, the militia of the State were called there almost *en masse;* and those who were not slain, generally returned with that most malignant disease, the "Camp Distemper," and spread it wherever they went. At this period a near relative, returning from the army, stopped at the residence of the father of the subject of this notice, and communicated the distemper to the family. Seven of them were down with it at the same time. One sister had died; and while a second was dying, an express from the army blew a horn, threw a letter into the yard, and passed on. The eldest sister, (the only one well,) opened the letter, and read from it the sad intelligence that her eldest brother (Josiah) had been killed in the battle of Flatbush. Though, as the reader will have inferred, this announcement subsequently proved to be incorrect, still its effects upon the family, especially at such a moment, may possibly be imagined, but not described. Josiah had indeed fallen upon the battle-field, having been shot through the body; but after the wing of the army to which he was attached gave way, Washington, with the other wing, regained *that* ground, and brought off the wounded. At the close of the war, Josiah Kilbourn returned home with a constitution destroyed by numerous wounds and every form of suffering. He married Isabella Whaples, of New Britain, was active in business, but in poor health; and died in 1786 or '87, leaving no children.

82. WILLIAM, was b. in New Britain, Jan. 12, 1758; entered the Revolutionary army at the age of eighteen, and in the affair at Westchester, N. Y., was so severely injured as to be unable to do a day's work on the farm for a period of six years.

He occasionally taught school until he recovered a tolerable degree of health, when he learned the trade of a Clothier, and followed it as a main occupation. On the 21st of August, 1786, he m. Sarah Sage, daughter of Jedediah Sage, of Berlin, and in May, 1799, removed to Tunbridge, Vermont. In 1814, he removed with his family to Chelsea, in the same State, where he died in June, 1816. Their children were, John, Arius, Julia, Emily, Ralph, William, Sarah, Osmond, Jedediah Sage, James and Eliza Ann.

83. ANNA, b. in 1760; m. Asahel Hart, of Northington, now Avon.

84. EUNICE, b. in 1762; d. at the age of 16, of the "Camp Distemper."

85. LEMUEL, b. in New Britain, Oct. 7, 1764; m. Sarah Hastings, of Southington, and had children, Josiah, Sally, Ursula, Hiram, Elizabeth and Nancy. A clothier and millwright by trade. Died of asthma, near Chillicothe, Ohio, about the year 1820.

86. URANIA, b. Oct. 17, 1767; was first m. to Sylvester Higley, and had a daughter, Maria. After his death, the widow m. Shubael Hoskins, Esq., of Simsbury, and had four children—(1.) Rockwell, m. Chloe Pinney, and had Chloe and Jane; his second wife was Ruth Adams, by whom he had Charlotte, Elizabeth, Caroline, Henry C. and Ellen. (2.) Laura, m. Whitman K. Williston. (3.) Norton, m. Caroline Humphrey, and had eight children—James B., Norton F., Watson L., Janette C., Francis F., Edward, Laura J., and Eliza H. (4.) Marietta, d. at the age of 21 years. Mrs. Urania Hoskins d. in 1832, aged 66.

87. HON. *JAMES*, was born in New Britain on the 19th of October, 1770. As he has been more extensively known, and more distinguished in public life, than any other person on this side of the Atlantic who bears the name which he has honored, we are confident that no one among his kindred and namesakes will require of us an apology for giving a

somewhat detailed notice of his eventful and useful life. The history of few eminent men in our country presents a brighter example of persevering and successful effort over adverse circumstances ; and not *one* more worthy of approval and imitation.

His birth occurred at an eventful era in the history of the colonies. The controversy between them and Great Britain was fast ripening into rebellion. When about one year old, his father removed from his previous residence in New Britain, to a farm then nearly new, situated two and a half miles farther west, about half that distance from neighbors, and still farther from school. He made rapid improvements, and soon became a farmer of comfortable independence ; but remained in the same condition as to neighbors and schools for many years. The long threatened war of the Revolution commenced when the subject of this sketch was but five years of age. This naturally engrossed the attention of all. Private business was necessarily deranged, and the prosperity of the farming interests, especially in the new settlements, was to a great extent destroyed. The implements of husbandry were exchanged for the panoply of war ; the currency became scarce, and depreciated in value ; schools were virtually given up ; and in short, the whole people, from childhood to age, shared and felt the vicissitudes and privations consequent upon the state of the country. It will be unnecessary to detail the effects of that tremendous struggle upon Mr. K. No truer patriot lived, and few suffered more as the reward of their patriotism. Let it suffice to say, that the war resulted in the death of three of his family, his pecuniary ruin, and the partial derangement of his intellect for a period of years. In 1783, he was compelled to give up his finely cultivated farm and buildings, and retire to a still more secluded spot, where he purchased a small farm of thirty acres, principally composed of new land, on which he built a house and made other necessary improvements. In about three years he was obliged to part with twenty-five acres,

and mortgage the remainder, together with his house. On this occasion, September 22, 1786, he called James in from his work, advised him of the state of his affairs, and proposed to him that he might go and do the best for himself that he could. After a sleepless and tearful night, he determined to accept the offer, thinking that by so doing he might be better able to assist his parents than by remaining with them.

Accordingly, on that day, (September 23d,) with a heavy heart he bade farewell to his parental home, and the dear ones which it contained, with no specific place of destination in view, and without friends in the great world before him, except such as he might make as he progressed. Not yet sixteen years of age, poorly clad for summer, and with no winter clothing—without coat or shoes, and so illiterate that he could scarcely write his name—with a sad but resolute spirit, he had assumed self-direction. During that day he walked about thirty miles, but, notwithstanding his many inquiries, did not succeed in obtaining employment ; its wearisome hours, however, were not unprofitably spent. In the course of his walk he found time to reflect on his condition, and form his plans for the future. He saw that two things were essential to his success in life, viz., education, and industry and integrity in every trust—and his resolutions then formed were never subsequently overlooked or forgotten by him. On the day following, he let himself to a farmer for the procurement of the necessary clothing for the approaching winter, and soon after apprenticed himself to a clothier. Seven months of each year, for four years, he devoted faithfully to his master, with no other compensation than his board and instruction in the art and mysteries of his trade ; the remaining five months (during the summer and autumn) he hired himself to farmers to procure the means of defraying his other expenses.

With an industry and perseverance seldom surpassed, he labored in the shop or on the farm during the day, and spent at least half of every night in study and writing. During the

first three summers of his apprenticeship he was principally employed as a farmer's boy, by Mr. Griswold, (father of the celebrated Bishop Griswold, of the Episcopal Church). The future Bishop, being then at home and having the management of the farm, observed the studious and industrious habits of the young apprentice, and became his most efficient and cordial friend—encouraging him by words of kindness and hope, and aiding him in the prosecution of his studies. So energetic and faithful were his labors on the farm, that at the end of the first five months he was presented by Mr. Griswold with ten shillings per month more than was agreed upon, accompanied with the remark that he "had performed much more work than he supposed a lad of his age could do."

With Mr. Griswold, the younger, James acquired a knowledge of the grammatical construction of the English, Latin and Greek languages, and of all the branches of Mathematics which he thought he could render useful to himself or others; though, in the meantime, Mr. G. had been settled in the ministry in Litchfield county, having been assigned the charge of the Episcopal Churches in Plymouth, Northfield and Harwinton. During this gentleman's residence in Plymouth, his young pupil spent a few weeks at a time with him, (at several different periods,) in pursuing his favorite studies.

Thus matters continued until about the commencement of the fourth year of his apprenticeship, and near the close of his 19th year, when circumstances occurred which induced his master to relinquish all claims to his further services, provided he would take the entire charge of the establishment, and thereby release him from labor and care. The proposal was accepted; and, having by this time acquired the requisite means by his summer earnings, and being extensively known as an ingenious and faithful workman, he immediately added new machinery to the works and otherwise enlarged his business operations. Being established in business thus early in life, he resolved upon taking still another step toward a permanent settlement. Accordingly, on the 8th

of Nov. 1789, he was married in St. Andrew's Church, Simsbury, to Miss Lucy Fitch, daughter of the celebrated John Fitch, Esq., of Philadelphia, the inventor and builder of the first steamboat in the world.

His labors were now, if possible, even more incessant than before, and his success exceeded his most sanguine expectations. During the first seven months he cleared for himself about $800, and in the following summer erected a new establishment near the line between Granby and Suffield. About this time he was so fortunate as to obtain from an absconded English dyer a knowledge of all the *permanent* dyes made in England. No other person in this country possessing at that time a knowledge of the same art, his business extended more rapidly than ever, and his aggregate profits were correspondingly increased. In the course of the succeeding season, he purchased the ground and water-power and erected clothiers' works on the spot where the village of Avon now stands. He superintended these several establishments in person, riding and laboring so constantly that he frequently saw the sun rise and set twice, and on one occasion three times, without any other rest than such as he could obtain while partaking of his ordinary meals. His constitution was such that he felt no subsequent inconvenience from these protracted labors, and absence of rest; but by constantly inhaling the poisonous fumes from the dyes, his lungs were injuriously affected, and his whole system was ultimately prostrated thereby. In the summer of 1793, being then in his 23d year, he was so far reduced by diseases thus contracted that a council of physicians pronounced him in a confirmed consumption. In the September following, however, a change took place; the affection of the lungs was measurably removed, but he was seized with a most painful disease in the back and hips, by which he was closely confined for eight months, and was unable to move about, except by the aid of crutches, for the subsequent eighteen months. Finding that he could not follow his trade, he dis-

posed of his works, together with the knowledge which he had acquired in the art of dyeing, and turned his attention to farming, but was unable to prosecute it. He next engaged in the mercantile business in Granby, in which he was eminently successful, and in a short time became what was termed a "wealthy man." In addition to mills, stores, &c., he was now the owner of five farms, including the one which his father had lost by the revolution, and that from which he had himself departed in indigence and tears at the age of sixteen. Meantime he had made ample provisions for his parents and the younger members of their family, by placing them in circumstances of pecuniary ease and competence.

During this period, he was also actively employed in promoting various objects of public utility. He originated and successfully carried through the great Turnpike Road from Hartford, via. Granby, Blandford and Pittsfield to Albany—formed a flourishing literary society among the young people of the town in which he resided—commenced a public library in the same town, which soon numbered 600 volumes—was agent for building the Episcopal Church—and was frequently invited to deliver addresses on public occasions, before literary associations, &c.

Having by this time secured the means of ease and comfort sufficient to satisfy a chastened ambition, and having arranged his business and possessions accordingly, Mr. Kilbourne concluded to relax somewhat from that constant and ardent exertion of body and mind which had effected these results. Amidst his herculean labors, he had found time to prosecute with vigor his researches after truth and useful information, and it is here worthy of remark that theology and ecclesiastical history had claimed no small share of his attention. His parents were members of the Congregational Church, but he had himself in early life united with the Episcopalians, and was ardently attached to their doctrines and forms. During this season of relaxation he was often

called upon to officiate as lay-reader in the church, and was urged by his friends to take orders. After much hesitancy and prayerful self-examination, he at length yielded to their solicitations, and was ordained at Middletown, by the Rt. Rev. Abraham Jarvis, D. D., then Bishop of Connecticut. He officiated in several vacant parishes, and was invited to settle in three or four. He, however, declined the invitations thus tendered to him, having formed a project of Western emigration, with the intention of accomplishing it within a reasonable time. With this view he had already made two tours of exploration through Western and North Western New York, passing across the principal branches of the Scoharnakill, Delaware and Susquehannah, and along the Mohawk to Phelps and Gorham's purchase—thence returning along and near Lake Ontario, to Black River, Wood Creek, &c., to Albany.

He was subsequently, however, advised by his father-in-law, Mr. Fitch, to turn his thoughts to Ohio. Accordingly, about the commencement of the year 1800, he began to disclose his views of forming a company for the purpose of settling in the "far West." It took about one year for him to persuade his friends that he was in earnest—and another, that he was not insane. Ohio was then regarded as on the utmost verge of the West; and they thought him too pleasantly situated to make so great sacrifices as were involved in such an enterprise. Late in the winter of 1801–2, he succeeded in obtaining seven associates, who desired him to explore the country, and, if he thought expedient, to purchase land enough for forty families—they agreeing to admit that number of members into their company, should acceptable persons offer. Accordingly, in the spring of 1802, Mr. Kilbourne started on his first expedition to Ohio. He traveled 300 miles by stage to Shippensburg, Penn., ten miles east of the foot of the Alleghany Mountains, at which place the stage route terminated. From thence, carrying a heavy pack, he walked over the mountains to Pittsburgh, 150 miles; and from

thence continued to travel on foot more than 1000 miles through the eastern part of the Territory, when, finding his old disease in the back and hips returning, he stopped a few days to recruit, and pursued the remainder of his journey on horseback. After a careful survey of the country, he fixed upon a desirable location, and returned in the following autumn. Having completed the association of forty members, known as the "SCIOTA COMPANY," he closed the contract for a township of 16,000 acres, which he had previously selected.

On the 7th of April, 1803, he again started for the West, on horseback—followed by a mill-wright, a blacksmith, and nine other laborers, and a family in two wagons. At Pittsburgh he purchased mill-stones, mill-irons, bar-iron, nail-rods, castings, &c., which were sent in a Kentucky-boat down the Ohio to the mouth of the Sciota, and were thence taken in a keel-boat to the new purchase—now Worthington, near the city of Columbus.

Mr. K. arrived at the point of destination some weeks in advance of the others, and May 5th, 1803, he cut the first tree on the purchase. Towards the latter part of the same month, the wagons having reached the end of the road, fifty miles from the place of location, two of the men were sent forward to him, by an Indian trail, and he immediately returned with them. Cutting a wagon path through the woods, in a few days the laborers and family, together with their property, were conducted safely to his camp; at the first view of which, the little company sent up their united voices in hearty and long continued congratulations.

They at once proceeded to clear a large field of rich bottom land, and put in seed for potatoes, corn, and turnips. They also erected a blacksmith's shop, a building for a school and place of public worship, and twelve cabins, commenced a mill dam across the east branch of the Sciota river, and laid out the town. By this time mid-summer had arrived, and Mr. Kilbourne returned to Connecticut, and conducted

his own and ten other families on to the purchase. The entire colony, including those who had removed the preceding spring, now numbered one hundred persons, and so continued, without addition or diminution, until the 4th of July, 1804, when they all united in celebrating the anniversary of American Independence in appropriate style—an oration being delivered by Mr. K., and the falling of seventeen immense forest trees constituting the national salute!

Nearly all the adult members of the colony united with the Episcopal Society, and were constituted a church under the name of St. John's parish, of which the subject of this notice was appointed minister. Ever active and efficient, he visited the neighboring settlements and other parts of the State, preaching, and organizing societies, many of which became and remain permanent churches. He was once invited to preach, on a special occasion, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, both branches of the Legislature having adjourned for the purpose, and all the members being present. At this time he had never thought of leaving the clerical office. But subsequently his fellow citizens began to urge upon him the importance and necessity of his taking the lead in their civil affairs. Many and arduous duties had already devolved upon him, aside from those which legitimately belong to the profession he had chosen. Besides superintending the affairs of the colony, he had personally made a complete survey of the township and divided to each of the forty proprietors their Rights. His parish and colony were rapidly increasing in numbers, his clerical duties were consequently becoming more pressing, while at the same time his calls for the transaction of public business of a secular nature were correspondingly increased. A diocese having been formed, and a Bishop elected, mainly through his instrumentality, he at length determined to yield to the repeated solicitations of his friends. He accordingly resigned his place in the church, and devoted himself to other public duties and his own private occupations.

Upon the organization of the State Government of Ohio, he was appointed a civil magistrate, and Captain of all the military on the North Western frontier. The Indian Line (as per Greenville Treaty) was but twenty-eight miles from their settlement, and it required great vigilance and decision to manage the wily savages by whom they were literally surrounded. In addition to mills, stores, &c., which he erected and carried on for the benefit and convenience of the white settlements, he opened an Indian trading house, by means of which he succeeded in conciliating the favor of the red men, and in a great measure checking their depredations.

In the spring of 1805, he explored thoroughly the south shore of Lake Erie, from its most southerly bend to the Maumee rapids, (then an Indian territory,) and selected the present site of Sandusky City for the north-western commercial metropolis, which it has since become. About the same time, unasked for and unexpected, he received, by act of Congress, from the Hon. Albert Gallatin, then Secretary of the National Treasury, the appointment of United States' Surveyor of an immense tract of of Public Lands, and executed the duties of the office for nine years—and, still holding the Commission, completed the survey by deputies of his own appointment.

In 1806, he was appointed by the Legislature in joint ballot, one of the first Trustees of Ohio College, at Athens, (the Governor being President, *ex officio*,) and continued to hold the office for several years, but at length resigned in consequence of the pressure of other duties, and the distance of the institution from his place of residence. This College was endowed by Congress with two townships of land, consisting of 46,080 acres.

In 1808, he was elected by the Legislature one of three Commissioners to locate the seat of Miami University—his colleagues being the Hon. Alexander Campbell, late Senator in Congress, and Dr. Wilson, President of the College at

Athens. About this time he was elected Major of the Frontier Regiment; was soon after chosen Lieutenant-Colonel, and subsequently Colonel. The last office he declined, and resigned his former commission.

On the organization of Worthington College, with a University charter, in 1812, he was elected President of the Corporation, and has been re-elected once in three years to the present time. During the same year, he was appointed by the President of the United States, pursuant to an act of Congress, a Commissioner to settle the boundary between the Public Lands and the great Virginia Reservation. This duty was performed under circumstances of much peril. It was soon after the declaration of war; much of the line lay through the Indian country, and many of the Indians were hostile. For two nights he encamped on the site of an Indian town, which our troops had captured and burnt only a day or two before, the smouldering ruins still burning.

A few days after completing this service, (which Congress subsequently ratified,) Col. Kilbourne was elected a Representative to the Congress of the United States, and served with close attention through the two regular sessions and two extra sessions of the 13th Congress. His competitor at this election was Judge Slater, President of the Central Circuit. On returning home at the close of the second session, he learned that he had been unanimously re-elected Colonel, and his commission had been left at his house. At the urgent solicitation of the officers of the regiment, he at length accepted the appointment.

In the fall of 1814, he was again placed in nomination for Congress, his opponent being Gen. Philemon Beecher, who had previously been Speaker of the House. Col. Kilbourne was re-elected by a vote of more than two to one. At the end of the 14th Congress, he declined a re-nomination, and Gen. Beecher was elected. Among the colleagues of Col. Kilbourne in Congress from the State of Ohio, were William H. Harrison, since President of the United States,

and John McLean, now a Judge of the United States Supreme Court.

The career of Col. Kilbourne in Congress was of the most useful and practical kind, and was altogether characteristic of the man. Without any of the "flippancy of debate," or any attempt to show himself to advantage as a statesman or public speaker, he pursued a straight forward, manly course, which soon won for him the respect of all his associates in that illustrious body. The interests of the "great west" were the objects of his special care and solicitude, and his earliest efforts in Congress were made in behalf of the pioneers of the western wilderness, the seamen on the lakes, and the soldiers in the Indian wars. He had the honor of first introducing into Congress a Resolution providing for donations of lands to actual settlers in the North Western territory; and, as Chairman of a Select Committee, he drew up and presented a Bill for that purpose. The policy thus proposed and advocated by him, has within a few years past been revived, and now forms one of the most popular elements in the political contests of some of the Western States.*

* From the proceedings of Congress, as condensed in *Niles' Register*, I extract the following paragraphs:

PROCEEDINGS OF U. S. CONGRESS.

*Jan.* 5, 1814.—"Mr. *Kilbourne* submitted a Resolution having for its object the protection of the North Western Frontier, by donations of Lands to actual settlers. Referred to the Military Committee.—*Niles' Register*, p. 319, Vol. V.

*Jan.* 25, 1814.—"Mr. *Kilbourne* introduced a Resolution having for its object to increase the pay of the seamen on the Lakes, on account of some objections they were stated to have to that service. After some remarks from Mr. Lowndes, Mr. K.'s Resolution being on its passage, was negatived--yeas, 26. —Vol. V, p. 363.

*Feb.* 2, 1815.—"Mr. *Kilbourne* submitted for consideration the following Resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law for the paying to the mounted volunteers and drafted militia, who have served in the South Western army, under the command of Generals Jackson and Floyd, against the Creek Indians, or to their heirs or assigns, the value of the horses by them lost in said service, in consequence of the men being dismounted and separated from their horses, by order of their respective commanding officers, on any expedition, or in consequence of their riders' being killed or wounded in battle; deducting from the

In 1823–4, Col. Kilbourne was a member of the Ohio Legislature, in which body he served on fourteen committees, one of which was the committee for the revision of all the laws of a general nature in the State; and as an individual member of that committee, he formed the Glossary of the new revised code, defining all the Latin, Greek, and obsolete English words and technicalities, contained therein. Soon after this, he was appointed by the Governor of Ohio to select the lands granted by Congress towards the Ohio Canal.

In 1838–39, he was again a member of the General Assembly, and commenced and persevered, as far as practicable, in a system of reform, by condensing all local legislation, corporations, &c., into a few separate acts and as short forms as possible, thereby simplifying the laws as well as render-

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original value of such horses respectively, as received into the service, the amount of which may have been paid for the use thereof in any of the cases, prior to the loss of the same as aforesaid.

"The Resolution was amended, on motion of Mr. Hall, of Georgia, by inserting after the words "wounded in battle," the words—or who have lost their horse or horses while in the service of the United States, by any unavoidable accident"—and

"On the adoption of the Resolution as amended, the vote, after debate, stood as follows:—

"For the Resolution, - - - - 67.
Against it, - - - - - - 49."—Vol. VII, p. 383.

*January* 17, 1815.—"Mr. *Kilbourne*, of Ohio, yesterday reported from a Select Committe a Bill, for the more effectual protection of the North Western frontier, by granting donations of Land to actual settlers thereon. The Bill was twice read and committed."—Vol. VII, 333–4.

*January* 18, 1815.—"Mr. Kilbourne offered for consideration the following Resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of levying and collecting an Income Tax from such people of the United States as have capital vested in public or any kind of stock, or in private loans, or in any other way yielding profits to the owner; and on those who are engaged in professional or other employments, producing an annual income exceeding a certain amount, which the said Committee may think proper to fix; it being intended that this enquiry shall extend only to such capital and employments as are not taxed by any existing laws.

"*Resolved*, That the said Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of increasing the tax upon the income, or dividends, of the capital invested in the several banking institutions, within the United States, on which a tax is now imposed by law of Congress.

"The House refused to consider the Resolutions. In favor of them 60; against them 66."—Vol. VII, p. 334.

ing them convenient for reading and reference—besides making a great saving of time, paper, printing, and writing.

Going a little farther back from the order of dates hitherto observed, we are confident we shall be excused by the kinsmen and friends of Col. Kilbourne for referring here to one or two facts in his personal history, which, though of a less public nature, are no less interesting and characteristic than those which we have already detailed. About the commencement of the last war with Great Britain, it being extensively known that he had a knowledge of manufacturing and some spare capital, he was requested by friends in New York, and urged by the President and his Cabinet and members of Congress, to embark in the manufacture of woollen goods for clothing the Army and Navy. He well remembered the total ruin of all who were engaged in similar enterprises during the war of the Revolution; still the promises were now so fair, and the non-protectionists admitting their errors and agreeing to change their policy, he was induced to join a company for that purpose—in which he invested ten thousand dollars, and incurred liabilities to the amount of fifty-seven thousand more. He prosecuted his new enterprise with his accustomed energy, and during the continuance of the war accomplished much. Peace came in 1815, but with it no protection of woollens. He sustained the whole establishment, amidst immense losses, until 1820; when, all hope from Government failing, the factories at Worthington and Steubenville were crushed. He now found himself, at the age of fifty years, with a large family (most of whom were young and unprovided for,) deprived of the last farthing which he had accumulated, by enormous sacrifices and the rigorous coercion of creditors. Finding himself thus totally destitute of means, except a good degree of physical strength and a spirit not easily conquered by untoward circumstances, he took up his surveying apparatus again, and went into the woods. For more than twenty years he was much of the time busily engaged in his

calling—and we hazard nothing in saying that he has surveyed more townships, highways, turnpikes, railroads and boundary lines, than any three other men in the State. By the practice of his wonted industry and enterprise, in a short time he again acquired a good degree of independence—and was enabled to educate his family in business, science and literature.

He was the presiding officer at the great State Convention holden at Columbus on the 4th of July, 1839, for laying the corner stone of the Capitol of Ohio; also, at the immense Whig Convention on the 22d of February, 1840. It may be added, farther, that he was called to preside in more than half of all the conventions, meetings, &c., which he had attended for fifty years past.

On arriving at the age of "three-score and ten," (in 1840,) Col. K. declined all public office, except that of Assessor of Real and Personal Estate for the County of Franklin—the duties of which station he performed until 1845, when he resigned. But, though retired from public life, he still felt a lively interest in public affairs; and during the six years ending with 1848, he delivered more than one hundred addresses on state and national policy. He died at his residence in Worthington, April, 1850, aged 80 years.

Lucy, his wife, having died not long after his removal to Ohio, he was married in Worthington, in 1808, to Cynthia Goodale. His children are—Hector, Lucy, Harriet, Laura, Orrel, Byron, Orrel 2d, Eliza, Cynthia, Lincoln, Charlotte and James.

88. AZUBA, b. in 1774; d. of "camp distemper," in 1778.

89. DEBORAH, d. in infancy.

90. AMASA, b. in New Britain, in 1780; emigrated to Vermont when 21 years of age, and there engaged in boating and the lumber trade on the Connecticut river, in which he was successful. Thence he went to Lower Canada, and

engaged in the same business on the river St. Francis, and d. there of the spotted fever, in 1805. He was unmarried.

54. JOSHUA.

91. MEHETABLE, b. April 23d, 1764; m. Josiah Dewey of Berlin. Their children were Daniel, Josiah, Franklin, Asahel, Seth, Esther, Mehetable, Rebua and Mary.

92. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 24, 1765; m. Reuben Hart, of Farmington, and soon after removed to Whitestown, N. Y. Their children were—Alpheus, Ansel, Chauncey, Dorathy, Amanda, Pluma and Eliza.

93. GEORGE, b. at Berlin, Nov. 19, 1769; at twenty-six years of age, he was m. to Miss Almira Wilcox, daughter of James Wilcox, of Simsbury. After residing in Farmington and Goshen for about ten years, in the fall of 1801, he joined an emigrating company which had been formed in the latter place, with a view of settling in the Far West. Mr. K. is a wealthy farmer, and is still a resident of Hudson, Ohio. His children are, Asahel, George, Timothy, Justin, Sophia and Eliza. Mrs. K. is also still living.

At my request, Mr. Kilbourn has politely furnished me with the following particulars of his life and history, which cannot fail to be read with interest by his kindred. The incidents and hardships of pioneer life, especially as they existed half a century since, can hardly be realized by those of us who are dwellers in the older States:

"When I was about three years old, my father (Joshua Kilbourn,) removed from New Britain into the western part of Farmington; and two years after, in January, 1774, he departed this life, leaving a family of five children. My mother married James Lusk for her second husband; and my eldest sister and myself were put out to Col. Isaac Lee, with whom I remained until I was fifteen years old. I then, after choosing my uncle Joseph Mather for my guardian, went to reside with him for the purpose of learning the tanning and shoe-making business. When in my twentieth year, my uncle's shop having been destroyed by fire, he gave me my time, and I finished my apprenticeship in Wethersfield. I commenced business for myself in Farmington village, where, in 1792,

I was married, and soon after removed to Goshen, in Litchfield county. In the latter place I remained eight years, during which period my four oldest children were born. As I received but ten dollars from my father's estate, and my education being only such as the common schools of that day could afford, I was under the necessity of beginning with a small business, and living economically. My first two years in Goshen yielded me no surplus means—but had been rich in "lessons of *experience*" which were subsequently turned to good account. At the end of the eight years, I had purchased and paid for some fifteen acres of land built a house and tannery, was doing a prosperous business, and laying up money.

As David Hudson, Esq., formerly of Goshen, held the agency of the land in the township of Hudson, Ohio, he emigrated to that place in the year 1800. Returning the next spring, he held out many inducements to myself and neighbors to sell out and go into the wilderness of "New Connecticut." As Deacon Thompson and his three sons, all of whom had families, had resolved to remove, and as I desired to connect a farm with my other business, I made it a subject of thought for many months. The undertaking seemed so great and important that I hesitated. But knowing the resolution and good judgment of my wife, who had prudently managed all our domestic concerns, I felt safe in referring the whole matter to her decision.

Having at length decided to go, I sold my place to Birdsey Norton, Esq., who was the original proprietor of the township of Hudson, and in part payment selected of his lands, by the aid of Mr. Hudson and the map of his surveys, two hundred and forty acres—receiving the balance in cash and such articles as we needed for our outfit. My affairs were settled without sacrifice, and we commenced our preparations for removing. As a part of our outfit, we purchased a library of about one hundred volumes, which was carefully and appropriately selected by our pastor, the Rev. Asahel Hooker.

On the 1st day of September, 1801, we found ourselves ready to start. After taking the last farewell look of our friends, with the blessing of our venerable pastor, and the many good wishes from his lady, (whose name is ever cherished with grateful remembrance,) we commenced our long and tedious journey.

Our teams being all ox-teams excepting one, our loads heavy, (there being thirty-three persons aboard,) and the weather warm, we only drove ten miles the first day, and put up at the tavern in Canaan. The next day we traveled ten or twelve miles. Finding my load too heavy for my team, I purchased a horse in addition. We directed our course to Fishkill, where we put up for the Sabbath. As we were in the habit of buying and cooking our own provisions, the landlord furnished a small back

room for that purpose. After purchasing such necessaries as we needed, we spent the Sabbath as a day of rest. On Monday morning, after paying for things we had bought of him, we were about to take our leave, when he presented us with another bill of seven dollars for the use of the room we had occupied. We paid the bill, and moved on; crossing the North River into Newburgh, and thence proceeding to Eastown, where we stopped the next Saturday night. Here I would state, that at the commencement of our journey, we proposed not to travel on the Sabbath; but owing to the many inconveniences we were subjected to, and not being able to obtain suitable accommodations for so large a company, it was thought expedient we should continue our journey on Sunday. As we proceeded on our way the next morning, I could not but feel that such a step would not be likely to result in our favor—and so we found it. We had not gone far before we were accosted by a stranger who presented us with a claim for ten dollars for trespass, as some of the children of the company had been seen in his orchard for apples. However, after having the matter explained, he became satisfied with one dollar; we then continued on until afternoon, when the daughter of Abraham Thompson, about three years of age, had her leg broken by falling from the wagon, the wheel passing over her. We placed her in the wagon, and making her as comfortable as we could, drove on, it being not far from an Inn, where we put up. On Monday morning it was ascertained by the doctor (the youngest son of Deacon Thompson,) that his brother would not be able to travel for two weeks, in consequence of the accident. In order that suitable provisions might be made for him, it was proposed that the horse-team be left with him, and such articles as his family might need. In order to do this, it became necessary to fit out an entire new team. As the doctor owned one-half of the wagon, and one yoke of the oxen which I drove, I sold him the interest which I had in the wagon, and purchased another one, for which I paid seventy dollars. As it was a "Pennsylvania wagon," I was under the necessity of spending a few dollars in fitting it up for my oxen. On Wednesday morning, having taken leave of our afflicted friend and brother, we again resumed our journey. We went on very pleasantly and prosperously, except that our loading was rather heavy for our teams, as I now had only one pair of oxen and a horse. However, by uniting our teams in bad places, we got along very well. We went on through Reading to Womelsdorf, where I put up for the Sabbath. The next morning the company drove on, leaving us behind, where we enjoyed a pleasant season of rest. As our team was light, and feeling it important that we should be with our company when climbing the Alleganies, and as the evening was pleasant and cool, we drove several miles by moonlight. Early on Tuesday morning we came up with our company. We then went on through Lebanon,

Harrisburgh, Carlisle, Shippensburgh, and Strawsburgh, where we came to the mountains called the "Three Brothers," a part of the Allegany range. After laboring three days excessively hard, we succeeded in getting over them.

The day following we found the traveling through the valley much easier for our teams. The next morning, however, we again began to climb the hills. In going up the one called the "sideling hill," our horse tired out. Selling him to a widow, who lived on the side of the hill, for a loaf of bread, we started on, having but a single yoke of oxen for our team. Thus we traveled for three days, during which time it often became necessary for me to lay my shoulder to the wheel. In applying my strength thus, in concert with the team, we succeeded in getting up many of the hills. My wife, possessing a strong physical constitution, and ambition equal to her strength, leaving her infant babe at the foot of the hills, in the care of our daughter, was often found with me, exercising her strength, lifting at the wagon, blocking the wheels, and sometimes in more difficult places, with the whip driving the team. On one occasion, our team became faint and weary, and our company being far advanced, my wife, exhausted and discouraged, gave vent to her feelings with sobs and cries; and being in the forest among the hills, I knew not what to do. While we were thus veiled in discouragements, a stranger came up with a pair of oxen which were for sale. The price was sixty dollars. I enquired if he would take a certain amount of shoes in part payment; as I had a large stock aboard. He said he would take some, but not to the amount that I desired. He passed on. Having considered the matter farther, I concluded to make him another offer. By this time he was out of sight: but by hard running I soon overtook him, and succeeded in effecting the purchase. We now felt that we were amply provided for, as it respected a team. As my family had walked a greater part of the way, since we became disconnected with the company, I was happy in the thought that they all could ride the remainder of the journey. In the course of the day we came up with our company.

We then went on through Bedford, Somerset, and so on, to Pittsburgh. Here we purchased such articles of provisions, groceries, &c., as we might need. The company not being ready to start, and as it was Saturday afternoon, I determined to drive on about six miles and put up for the Sabbath. As we started out, not being careful to observe the many roads which led in various directions, we passed the one we should have taken, and went on several miles before we were apprized of the fact. As this road lay nearly parallel with the other, we soon learned that by taking a cross road and descending a long hill which was said to be passable, the right road could be gained without retracing our steps. Changing our course, we soon came to the hill, where we found ourselves up

even with the tops of the trees on either side and in front. A more frightful and dangerous place I never saw in the shape of a road. As we drove on to the brow of the hill, where it began to descend, I found there was not room for a man to walk between the wagon and the falling precipice; and whether to attempt going down, or return back, was a matter yet to be settled. As we were thus hemmed in, in order to turn, I found it would be necessary to run my wagon back several rods; as this was difficult to do, and the shades of night were fast coming over us, we resolved to try the former. Sending one yoke of oxen forward, which very reluctantly led the way, I took my place by the side of the team where I could hold on to the bows of the yoke, and started down, knowing that the least accident or misstep would plunge us beyond the reach of hope. Our oxen also seemed to be equally aware of the danger; for they managed with the utmost care and caution, until we at length arrived at the bottom in safety; where, finding our road and an Inn, we stopped for the Sabbath.

The next day in the afternoon, our company came up. About this time the company feeling it important they should have more teams to help them through, sent Mr. Leach, one of our number, to our friends in Ohio, for that purpose. We crossed the Ohio river two miles below Beaver; from there we proceeded to Griersburgh, and so on until we came to the place called "eight mile swamp." This swamp was a low and marshy piece of ground, yet productive of many kinds of timber which grow upon uplands. It presented a miserable passage for travellers.

On Friday morning, as my team was the best able to break the road, it was proposed that I should take the lead and clear the way. I had not gone far, however, before my company was left far in the rear. I continued on, working a passage until nearly night, when we drove out of the swamp, and planted our feet upon the long-looked-for and most welcome soil of *New Connecticut*—it being the south-east township of the Western Reserve. We then drove on to Boardman and stopped for the night. The next day in the forenoon, we drove to Canfield, it being only five miles, where we once more put up for the Sabbath.

Here we found old Connecticut friends—Gen. Wadsworth, from Litchfield, Capt. Tanner and Mr. Steele, from Cornwall, Dea. Chapman and Mr. Sprague, from Sharon,—who had purchased land and were preparing to move their families on the next spring; and also Mr. Pease, who was sent by our friends in Hudson, with a yoke of cattle for the purpose of helping the company on. After directing him where they could be found, he went on. At this place also, we heard much said about the Indians; as they had done much damage in the settlements at this place.

Sabbath night the company came up.

Monday morning, as there were no settlements between this place and Deerfield, which was fifteen miles, we took an early start, hoping to get through that day; went on several miles quite well, when we came to a low and flat piece of land, and making but slow progress we were obliged to encamp for the night.

As the sons of Mr. Day, who lived about three miles from our encampment, were out that night on a raccoon-hunt, they gave us a call. They were somewhat surprised at finding so large a company, yet seemed to enjoy their new and unexpected associates quite well.

After making some enquiries relative to our destination, &c., they returned to their homes. About noon the next day, we arrived at Mr. Day's, where we stopped to feed; while the rest of the company went on to Mr. Ely's, about one mile farther. Mr. Day's people, expecting us about this time, had not only prepared feed for our teams, but provided a good, fat, and well roasted raccoon for our dinner, which we relished very much. We then drove to Mr. Ely's, where the company stopped. Finding they had concluded to stay over night, as Mr. Ely had proposed helping them with his team as far as Ravenna, twenty miles distant, we continued on our journey till night, when we came to what was called Yellow Creek. The banks of the stream being high, as the wagon descended, our beds and clothing fell overboard into the water. After getting up the opposite bank, we built a fire and encamped for the night; and about midnight had our clothes dried and put away in good order.

The next morning, after driving about three miles, we came to Mr. Hall's, in Atwater, formerly from Wallingford, where we got hay for our team and milk for our children. We then took a northwest course to Ravenna, and put up at Walker's Mills, awaiting the arrival of the company; during which time, I sold my wagon for a cow and grain for my year's supply. Friday noon the company came up, and we all moved on together until night, when we were again obliged, as we hoped for the last time, to prepare our lodging in the woods. The next day, it being Saturday, and the sixtieth day of our journey, by the assistance of Mr. Hudson, and several others who met us with their teams and axes, we were enabled to reach our long desired haven in Hudson.

We stopped at Mr. Bishop's, where we enjoyed his kind hospitality for the term of three weeks; during which time I rolled up and covered my log-house and moved into it; where we very much enjoyed our new home.

After the people had made their dwellings comfortable for winter, they came together for the purpose of making a distribution of the library. As this organization became more generally known, shares were sold in townships around for the distance of fifteen miles; and the members were regular in their attendance at the meetings of the society. Our

leisure time was employed in the perusal of those books, treating mainly on subjects of morality and religion. Our little colony was also in the habit of meeting every Sabbath at some private house for public worship; which was conducted among ourselves by reading sermons, &c., except occasional calls by Rev. Joseph Badger, who traveled in the western settlements as a missionary.

In the course of two years, I had cleared some twenty-five or thirty acres of land, and was beginning to realize a comfortable support, when, in the spring of 1803, while assisting in the raising of a building, by the falling of one of the timbers, my thigh was broken; which, together with the ague, disabled me for any kind of farming business for two years. During this time my wife was obliged to turn her attention to the cultivation of land, as well her own domestic affairs; and with the help of our eldest son, who was seven years of age, planted, hoed and harvested the best piece of corn in our vicinity. Thus with her untiring energy, she labored almost unceasingly night and day, for the support of the family until 1805; when, on account of my misfortune, I found it necessary to resume my trade; and for that purpose I sold my farm in Hudson and removed to Newburgh, it being an older settlement.

There I remained three years and a half, and was prospered in all my undertakings; but on account of society in that place, and with the persuasion of Rev. David Bacon, who had purchased the township of Tallmadge, for the purpose of building up a moral and religious society, I sold my place, and again moved into the wilderness; subjecting myself and family to many trials and hardships. Here I resided nine years; during which time I cleared my farm, built a good house and barn, and was enjoying the comforts of life, when, through the influence of Capt. Oviatt, my son-in-law, I returned to Hudson, where I have since remained.

One object I had in coming here, was to assist in building up a good society, and establishing church and literary institutions for the benfit of the rising generations; and it affords me pleasure, even at the advanced age of 85 years, to see the effect of our labor in some good degree realized.

Thus have I endeavored to give you a brief sketch of the private, domestic and social occurrences of my life, being subject to prosperity and adversity, which was the common lot, especially of those who early emigrated to this country.

I cannot but express the deep interest I feel in our kindred associations as they are enjoyed at the present day; although my age must necessarily deprive me the pleasure of a personal participation in them. It is a source of pleasure and gratification to me, to learn what has been and is being done by your generous and untiring efforts in searching out the vast territorial extent of our race, that we may be brought into one grand and social bond of brotherhood."

94. WILLIAM, b. Jan. 22, 1772; m. Susan Bidwell, daughter of Theodore Bidwell. He had sons—Theodore, (who d. at the South); Samuel, (who d. in Avon, in 1839, aged 27); and Franklin, (who d. also in Avon). William Kilborn d. in Avon a few years since.

95. DEAC. JOSHUA, b. June 3, 1775. "He was a tanner and shoemaker, and settled in Farmington street in 1807. He was a very pious man, and said the ownership of so much property—(old house, shop and tan-works, all probably not worth $500)—made him worldly-minded; and he sold out in 1810, and removed to West Avon. I believe he had no children, though he married."* He d. in 1937, aged 63.

26. ELISHA.

96. ELISHA, b. in Wethersfield, June 7, 1749; and at an early age accompanied his father to Sandisfield, Mass. He resided for several years in Tyringham, but subsequently removed to Colebrook, Conn., where he died. His children were, Elisha, Roswell, Jason C., Jonathan S., Barney, Sally and Betsey. His wife was Jemimah Chamberlain.

He was a soldier of the Revolution—in Capt. Brown's company, Col. Fellow's regiment, in April 1775; in July, 1776, he was stationed in the Highlands with Col. Hopkins' regiment; and in Aug., 1777, he was at Bennington, Vt., in Capt. Downing's company, Col. Ashley's regiment. He d. in 1829; she d. in 1842.

97. HULDAH, b. in Wethersfield, Dec. 21, 1751; m. Col. John Brown,† of Pittsfield, Mass., a celebrated officer

* MS. of W. S. Porter, of Farmington, (now of New Haven).

† Colonel Brown was born at Sandisfield, Mass., Oct. 19, 1744; graduated at Yale College in 1771, and studied law with Oliver Arnold, in Providence, R. I. He commenced the practice of his profession at Caghnawaga, now Johnstown, N. Y., and was appointed King's Attorney. In 1773, he removed to Pittsfield, Mass., in which place there was but one lawyer, Woodbridge Little. Brown was bold and prudent, and having a fine personal appearance, he was selected by the State Committee of Correspondence in 1774, for the hazardous enterprise of going to Canada to excite the people to revolt—a duty which he faithfully performed. He was a Delegate to the Provincial Congress, Feb. 15, 1775. Soon after the battle of Lexington, the project of taking Ticonderoga

of the Revolution. Their son, Henry C. Brown, Esq., was for many years High Sheriff of Berkshire Co. Col. Brown was slain in battle in 1780; and Huldah, his widow, subsequently became the wife of Jared Ingersoll, Esq., of Pittsfield. She d. in 1838, aged 87.

98. LIEUT. HEZEKIAH, b. in Wethersfield, Nov. 7, 1752; was a Sergeant in Col. Ashley's regiment at the capture of Burgoyne, in 1777; and in Oct., 1781, he was a Lieutenant in Capt. Smith's company, Col. Collier's regiment, at Stillwater, N. Y. Lieut. Hezekiah Kilborn d. at his residence in Sandisfield, Mass., Oct. 25, 1804; Mrs. Prudence Kilborn, his wife, d. April 12, 1793. His children were—Prudence, Hannah, Betsey and Abigail.

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was agreed upon, and Mr. Brown accompanied the expedition. He was entrusted with the business of conveying away the prisoners, about 100 in number, and was also sent as express to the General Congress at Philadelphia, where he arrived May 17. In July, he and Allen were dispatched through the wilderness to Canada, to assure the inhabitants that their religion and liberties should not be impaired by the approaching army. On the 24th of Sept. he took Fort Chamblee.

While Arnold was before Quebec, Maj. Brown arrived from Sorel, and joined him. Montgomery had arrived two days before. In the attack on Quebec, Dec. 31, Maj. Brown, with part of a regiment of Boston troops, was directed to co-operate by making a false attack upon the walls to the south of St. John's gate and set fire to the gate with combustibles prepared for the purpose. He executed his part of the enterprise. In this assault Montgomery fell. On the 3d of Aug., 1776, Congress voted Maj. Brown a commission of Lieutenant Colonel, with rank and pay in the Continental army from Nov. 1775. After the defeat of Col. Baum at Bennington in 1777, Col. Brown was dispatched by Gen. Lincoln from Pawlett, to the north end of Lake George, with 500 men, to relieve our prisoners. By marching all night, he attacked the enemy at daybreak, September 17, at the landing, three miles from Ticonderoga; set at liberty 100 of our men, and made prisoners of 293 of the enemy; took the landing, Mount Defiance, Mount Hope, the French lines, and the Block house; 200 batteaux, an armed sloop, several gun boats, a few cannon, and a vast quantity of plunder.

Soon after the capture of Burgoyne, Col. Brown retired from the service on account of his detestation of Arnold—who at this time (three years before his treason,) he predicted would prove a traitor. In 1778, he was elected a member of the Legislature of Massachusetts. In the fall of 1780, Col. Brown marched up the Mohawk for the relief of Gen. Schuyler, but was led by a traitor into an ambush of Canadians, tories, and Indians, at Stone Arabia, in Palatine, and was slain on his birth-day, Oct. 19, 1780, aged 36. Forty-five of his men, many of whom marched from Berkshire the week before, were also killed. The same day at Fox's Mills, Gen. Van Rensselaer defeated the same party under Sir John Johnson. Col. Brown's daughters married William Butler, printer, Northampton, and Dr. Hooker, of Rutland, Vt. His son, Henry C. Brown, was for many years High Sheriff of Berkshire.—[Condensed from a sketch in *Allen's American Biog. and Hist. Dic.*]

99. CHARLES, b. in Sandisfield, March 26, 1756; was a soldier of the Revolution, in Capt. Samuel Wolcott's company, Hopkins' regiment, and was stationed in the Highlands in July, 1776. He m. Susannah Fosdick, of Wethersfield, Conn., and had one son, Ashur. He d. at Hounsfield, Jefferson Co., N. Y., in 1830, aged 74.

100. SARAH, b. in Sandisfield, Feb. 26, 1758; m. John Hastings Allen, of Sandisfield, Dec., 1785. She d. in 1852, aged 94. Her children are—(1.) Capt. John H., a respected and prominent citizen of Sandisfield, who d. in 1854. (2.) Emily, m. James Ayrault. (3.) Sarah, m. the Hon. George Hull, of Sandisfield, formerly Lieutenant-Governor of Massachusetts. (4.) Eunice, m. the Rev. A. Pickett, pastor of the Congregational church in Sandisfield.

101. JONATHAN, Esq., b. in Sandisfield, March 3, 1760; on the 6th of Nov., 1788, he m. widow Sarah Brown, (a daughter of Dea. David Granger, of Suffield, Conn.). He succeeded his father in business, and became a man of great wealth for the time and region in which he lived. He was a Sergeant in Col. Ashley's regiment at the taking of Burgoyne in 1777. He d. Feb. 6, 1828; his widow d. in Oct. 1832, aged 80 years. Their children were—Polly, Sarah, Jonathan and Eliza. At the time of his death, Mr. Kilborn was an Honorary Member of the "American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions."

102. ASHUR, b. in Sandisfield, Feb. 12, 1762; was a soldier in Col. Ashley's regiment, Capt. Collier's company, in the revolutionary army. He d. soon after the war, leaving no descendants.

103. ROBBINS, (twin with Ashur); m. Mehitable Wright, and had children b. in Sandisfield, viz., Robbins, Ashur, Ashur, (2d,) Lucy, Huldah, Roswell and William. He removed to Litchfield, N. Y., and thence to Frankfort, in the same State.

104. ROBERT, b. in Sandisfield, May 12, 1764; settled in Great Barrington, in 1796, where he still resides. He

was a soldier in Col. John Brown's regiment, Capt. Warner's company, in July, 1780, and now receives a pension for his revolutionary services.* He m. Sarah Hubbard, and had seven children, viz., Clarissa, Lewis, Levi, Russell, Joel, Mark and Sarah Ann. His wife d. April 15, 1828. He was m. to his second wife, Mercy Chappell, Sept. 29, 1830. Mr. Kilborn is now in his 92d year.

105. HOPEFUL, b. in Sandisfield, July 10, 1766; m. Stephen Morse, of that town, Oct. 6, 1798. They had Sally and Stephen.

106. ELIZABETH, m. Mr. Remington, of Sheffield, Mass.

107. ALLEN, b. in Sandisfield, in 1775; m. Rhoda, daughter of John Canfield, of Champion, Jefferson Co., N. Y. His children were—Jared, Nancy, Allen, Sarah, Austin Granger, and others. He d. in the autumn of 1841, at his residence in Champion, N. Y.

61. GEORGE.

108. ABIGAIL, b. in Wethersfield. July 2, 1754.

109. REBECCA, b. in Wethersfield, July 23, 1764. d. young.

110. GEORGE, b. in Wethersfield, July 18, 1765; d. young.

111. MARY, b. in Wethersfield, Feb. 5, 1767; m. Mr. Bishop, and settled in Chesterfield, Conn. She d. in 1832, at the residence of a son, in Newfield, Tompkins Co., N. Y.

112. REBECCA, b. in Wethersfield, Aug. 23, 1768; m. Simeon Hatch, of Winchester, Conn., and settled in New Hartford, N. Y., where she d. a few years since, leaving three sons and three daughters.

* I am indebted to my friend and kinsman, Dr. Josiah Curtis, of Boston, for my dates and facts concerning the revolutionary services of the Kilbourns of Massachusetts. A few years since, while employed in the office of the Secretary of State, in making out certain legislative and other official reports and documents, that gentleman took the pains to note down for me whatever he found on the records relating to my namesakes.

113. CAPT. JOSHUA, b. in Wethersfield, Sept. 1, 1770; m. Lucy Holt, and settled in New London. He commanded a merchant ship called "The Yankee," and d. in New Orleans, Feb. 11, 1811, leaving one daughter, who is now the wife of Mr. Elijah Powers, of New London. His three sons d. in childhood. Mrs. Lucy Kilborn, his widow, d. in New London, March 27, 1852.

114. MARTHA, b. in Wethersfield, April 3, 1772; m. Roger Barber, Esq., and had a family. She d. in Tolland, in 1845.

115. JONATHAN PIERPONT, b. in Wethersfield, Nov. 12, 1774; he was a sailor, and d. at sea, in 1796.

116. GEORGE, b. in Wethersfield, Feb. 7, 1777; he was a sailor, and d. in early manhood, probably unmarried.

### 67. ELISHA.

117. ELISHA, b. in Litchfield; removed to Castleton, Vt., with his father; and subsequently settled in Hampton, Washington Co., N. Y., where his descendants still reside.

118. DIADEMA, m. David Kilborn, of Litchfield, June 16, 1769, and had nine children, Orange, James, Levi, Reuben, David, Betsey, Elisha, Samuel and Erastus.

119. MARY, m. Jacob Baker, of Litchfield, Feb. 25, 1765.

120. ABIGAIL, m. Stephen Reed, Esq.,* of Salisbury, and had a daughter, Mary, who m. Mr. Gay, of that place. After the decease of Mr. Reed, the widow m. Daniel Landon, of Salisbury.

121. LYDIA, m. Benjamin Palmer, of Litchfield, (son of the Rev. Solomon Palmer, A. M.,) and had one son, Benjamin. Mr. Palmer d. March 9, 1780. The widow subsequently m. Mr. Trowbridge, of Castleton, Vt.; and after his death she became the wife of John Lynch, of Poultney, Vt.

* Mr. Reed was twice chosen a Representative from Salisbury in 1806.

122. JERUSHA, m. Supream Smith, of Litchfield, and had five children, viz., Elias, Joseph, Mary, Diadema and Olive.

123. ELIZABETH, m. —— Whipple, of Vermont.

69. LIEUT. BENJAMIN.

124. RUTH, b. in Litchfield, Oct. 17, 1752; m. Jonah Stone, of that town, and had five children, viz., David, Israel, Lewis, Appollos and Julius.

125. CAPT. LEWIS, b. in Litchfield, May 22, 1755; was m. to Anne, daughter of Lieut. Amos Parmelee, Jan. 30, 1782, by the Rev. James Nichols. He was an ardent whig in the Revolution, and was through life an Episcopalian in religious sentiment. He was a Grand Juror of Litchfield in 1793; and was a Warden, Moderator and Treasurer of St. Michael's parish. In 1797, Governor Wolcott commissioned him as Captain of the 1st company, 17th regiment, 6th brigade of Connecticut militia. Captain Kilborn died suddenly, in his native town, in 1805, aged 50 years, leaving four children, viz., Charles, Dothy, Norman and Benjamin. His widow, Anne Kilborn, m. Mr. Calvin Bishop, and d. Aug 10, 1839, aged 80.

126. COL. CHARLES, b. in Litchfield, March 3, 1758. In the early part of the war of the Revolution, he was drafted into the service of the Americans—much against his own predilections. He, however, served through one campaign, and was engaged in several skirmishes with the British. In common with his father and most of his brothers, he was from the first a zealous and sincere loyalist in principle. When, therefore, he learned that he must run his chance of being drafted a second time, he resolved by some means to place himself beyond the reach of such a contingency. It so happened that about this time a loyal neighbor of his, Daniel Griswold, who had been a soldier in the British army, returned to his native town, bearing a Captain's commission, and forthwith commenced the work of his mission, viz., en-

listing soldiers into the king's service. Charles Kilborn was among the first to enroll his name, April 26, 1777. Dr. Reuben Smith, in a letter* to Gov. Wolcott, dated at Litchfield, May 12, 1777, (in alluding to Griswold and his soldiers,) says: "The Wednesday following, April 30, they were taken, (except Benjamin Doolittle and Charles Kilborn, who it is said were *killed* in attempting to escape,) and were carried to Derby, where they were tried by a court martial, and Griswold was sentenced to be hanged; which sentence was executed the Monday following at New Haven. The rest were pardoned, upon their enlisting into the Continental army during the war." The supposition that Kilborn was killed, was a mistake. He was successful in his "attempt to escape," and, after a series of vicissitudes and adventures, he succeeded in finding his way to Canada, on foot—much of his route lying through an uninhabited country. He stopped at St. John's, then a considerable military post, where he engaged himself as a clerk to an eminent merchant, named White—he being then in the nineteenth year of his age. He soon after became a partner with Mr. White; and, though extensively engaged in merchandizing, he was soon also an active participant in the military movements consequent upon the war. Before peace was concluded, he had attained the rank of Captain in the British service. In Feb. 1784, he was married to Miss Margaret Young, a member of a loyal family who had emigrated to Canada from the State of New York. He subsequently removed to Caldwell's Manor, on Lake Champlain, where for nearly seventeen years he was extensively engaged as an agriculturist and merchant. During his residence here, he was for a long time the highest civil and military officer in the place. Removing thence, he resided for two years in Alburg. In 1804, he settled in Stanstead, on an island formed by a considerable river, about six miles west of Lake Memphremagog. On this stream he built mills of various kinds, and the settlement took the

* See Woodruff's History of Litchfield, pp. 39, 40.

name of "KILBORN'S MILLS," and is so put down on the English and American maps of that period. The stream was also called "Kilborn Rver."* This property, with the exception of about 400 acres of land owned by his son, Col. Alexander Kilborn, has passed out of the family; and consequently the name of the place has been changed.

At the commencement of the last war between the United States and Great Britain, Mr. K. held the rank of Major in the king's service, and was appointed to the command of a corps of provincial troops, well known as the "Frontier Light Infantry," which were continued in active service under his command, until the close of the war. He was present at the battle of Plattsburgh, where he was eminently distinguished for his skill and bravery. He was subsequently taken prisoner in an engagement near his head-quarters at La Cole, and conveyed to Greenbush, N. Y., where he was kept for several weeks, until exchanged. About this time a large number of American prisoners were placed in his charge at La Cole, several of whom were from Connecticut, and two of them from his native town. They were afterwards accustomed to speak in the highest terms of his humanity and liberality—they having previously been subjected to the harshest treatment. He gave them an abundance of wholeseme food and fresh air, and even permitted them to walk in the environs of their place of confinement. And it is worthy of special record, as exhibiting the high sense of honor which prevailed among the American soldiers, that not one of them betrayed the confidence thus generously reposed in them; although, at a subsequent period, when in charge of a rigid and merciless officer, several of them effected their escape. At the close of the war, he retired to his home at "Kilborn's Mills"—where he designed to spend the remainder of his

* A correspondent writing from Stanstead, says: "I have seen on an old map, the steep hill between the Island where Col. Kilborn's mills stood and the village of Stanstead, put down as "Kilborn Hill." "*Kilborn's Mills*" is inserted at this point in the recent editions of Mitchell's Universal Atlas, in Johnson's "Emigrants Guide," published at Edinburgh in 1855, &c.

days in the quiet of domestic enjoyment. But the public presented claims to his services which he could not well decline. His commission as a civil magistrate, which he had held previous to the war, was renewed by the Governor General; he was appointed a Justice of the Commissioner's Court, in which capacity, says an intelligent Canadian correspondent, "he presided for many years, with honor to himself, and giving satisfaction to the people." He was also promoted to the command of a regiment as Lieut.-Colonel—the highest office in the militia of Canada.

Col. Kilborn died, June 19th, 1834, aged 76; Margaret, his wife, died Aug. 21, 1841, aged 73. Their children were, Lucy, Betsey, Benjamin, Alexander, Sally, Joseph, Mary, Nancy, Matilda and Lydia.

127. NANCY, b. in Litchfield, Dec. 13, 1760; m. Bradley Catlin, and settled in Cornwall, Conn., where he died. Mrs. Catlin d. at the residence of her daughter, in Sackett's Harbor, N. Y. Their children were—(1.) Joel, of Sharon, Conn. (2.) Samuel, drowned in 1819; unmarried. (3.) Hannah, d. (unmarried,) in Stanstead, Lower Canada, May 5, 1836. (4.) Benjamin, Esq., was a Representative from Cornwall in 1832, and again in 1833. (5.) Abigail, m. Matthew M. Cole, Esq., an editor in Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., and subsequently a clerk in one of the Departments in Washington City, where he died.

128. HANNAH, b. in Litchfield, Feb., 1762; m. John Bissell, of Salisbury, Conn.

129. BENJAMIN, b. in Litchfield, Jan. 17, 1765; removed to Canada with his father in 1790, where he married and had two daughters. He hung himself in 1796, during which year his estate was administered upon in Litchfield.

130. DAVID, b. in Litchfield, Feb. 31, 1767; m. Hannah White, daughter of Joseph White, a loyalist of New Hampshire, and settled on the Canada side of the St. Lawrence, a few miles below Brockville. His children were—

Whiting, William, Col. John, Polly, Pamela, Nancy, Abigail, Betsey, Catharine and Bricea. Though residing in the king's dominions, he was a republican at heart, and in the war of 1812, he engaged in the secret service of the United States, under the direction of Gen. Wilkinson, in consequence of which his entire estate in Canada was confiscated to the British government. He soon after removed to Scriba, near Oswego, N. Y., where he continued to reside until his death in 1847. His services were acknowledged by the American Congress, and appropriations were made by that body to reward him for his services, and compensate him in part for his losses. The particulars of his transactions, &c., will be found in the Appendix of this volume, in the report of the Congressional Committee, and the accompanying documents.

131. SAMUEL, b. in Litchfield, Feb. 21, 1769; m. Abigail Griswold, daughter of Asahel Griswold, of Milton, Conn., and settled a Kitley, Leeds Co., Canada West, where he died in 1849. His children are—James, Benjamin, Hannah, Truman, Samuel, Lucy, Rev. Asahel G., Abigail, Clarissa, Polly, Lydia and Charles. Mrs. Abigail Kilborn is still living at the old homestead in Kitley, at the age of 84 years.

132. CAPT. JOSEPH, b. in Litchfield, Feb. 15, 1771; left his native town in 1785, and became a clerk of his brother Charles, in Canada. He studied the art of surveying, and was appointed Deputy Surveyor of the Province on the 6th of June, 1792, and as such assisted in surveying nearly all the eastern townships of Lower Canada. On the 17th Feb., 1805, he was married in Ascott, Lower Canada, to Phebe Adams, daughter of Eliphalet Adams, of Hartford, Conn.; and during the same year he received a Lieutenant's commission in the army from the hands of the Governor General, Sir Robert Shore Milnes. At the commencement of the last war between the United States and Great Britain, he was transferred to the Engineer Department, having received the appointment of Military Surveyor and Draftsman, with the rank and pay of Captain in the regular army. He continued to perform the duties of this station until a short

time previous to his death, which took place at the headquarters of the army, at Kingston, Nov. 15, 1814, in the 43d year of his age.

In the year 1810, he committed the care of his landed property (about thirteen hundred acres) to an intimate friend, to whom, in his last sickness, he wrote respecting the distribution of the property to his family. His family, however, never came in possession of said estate; the presumed friend having, it is said, appropriated it to his own use.

The children of Capt. K. were, William Vincent, Joseph Henry, Caroline Cordelia and Clarissa Maria.

133. LUCY, b. in Litchfield, March 17, 1773; m. John White, of Leeds Co., C. W., and d., leaving a family. Mr. White was brother to Hannah White, who m. David Kilborn, as above.

134. WILLIAM, b. in Litchfield, May 6, 1778; m. Miss White, and settled in Kingston, (Canada West,) thence removed to Stanstead, where he remained a few years, but returned to Kingston in 1835. Being a man of remarkable intrepidity and address, he was often employed in the secret service of the British government, during the war of 1812. In one of his visits across the lines, in 1814, to observe the movements and ascertain the number and position of General Hampton's army near Plattsburgh, on Lake Champlain, he was seized and carried to Greenbush, where he was tried by a court martial, and sentenced to be executed as a spy. Fortunately for him, a friend assisted his efforts to escape, and in disguise, he found his way back to Canada, after much suffering and many hardships. He died in Chili, Monroe Co., N. Y., in 1847, in the 70th year of his age. His second wife was Catharine Powell, of Sutton, Canada East.

135. POLLY, (twin with William,) m. Major Reuben Sherwood,* of Elizabethtown, Canada West. She d. some years since, leaving a family.

* Maj. Sherwood was by profession a Land Surveyor, and is said to have laid out and surveyed more townships than any other man in Canada. He was an active and useful public man. When the war of 1812 commenced, he was

72. SOLOMON.

136. RACHEL, b. in Litchfield, Aug. 18, 1757; m. James Griswold, of Litchfield. She left no children.

137. HANNAH, b. in Litchfield, March 6, 1760; m. Benjamin Doolittle, of that town.

138. JEREMIAH, b. in Litchfield, April 8, 1762; m. Anne Bishop, April 28, 1785. He was Grand Juror in 1799, and a Lister in 1811. His children were—Lucretia, Noah. Freeman, Putnam, Anne, Almira, Nancy and Louisa. Mr. Kilborn d. in Litchfield, Feb. 21, 1821.

139. SOLOMON, b. in Litchfield, Dec. 7, 1764; m. Abigail Gross, of that town, who d. about the year 1800, his second wife was Keziah, widow of David Farnham. (?) He resided for some years in Ohio, but subsequently settled in Hampton, N. Y., where he died. His children were—Clarissa, Benjamin, Catharine, Solomon, Huldah, Thomas, Freeman, Abigail and Maria.

140. ANNA, b. in Litchfield, July 12, 1767; m. Gideon Stoddard, of that town, Feb. 28, 1790. He d. April 13, 1846, aged 78. She d. Nov. 11, 1843, aged 77. Their children were—(1.) Whitman, b. 1790; m. Rhoda Binum, and removed to Western New York. (2.) Jesse, Esq., b. 1792; m. Rachel Simmons, of Litchfield, Conn., in 1815; he now resides in Litchfield, Hillsdale Co., Michigan, where he has been a Justice of the Peace, and in 1849 was elected a Representative. (3.) Abigail, b. 1794; m. Heman Osborn, of Litchfield, Conn., in 1827. (4.) Sally, b. 1796; m. John Frink, of Sheldon, N. Y., in 1826, where she d. (5.) Solo-

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one of the first to raise a Rifle Company, which he commanded at the capture of Ogdensburgh. He was often employed in the Quarter-master's Department; was several times sent across the Lines on secret service, and on one or two occasions narrowly escaped capture. Indeed no one could or would attempt, with any hope of success, some of the daring enterprises in which he engaged. After the war, he was appointed Assistant Superintendent of the military settlement in the Perth District, and by his minute knowledge of the back country, contributed greatly to its improvement and success. He died in October, 1850.

mon, b. 1797; m. Lucinda Buttrick, and removed West. (6.) Leonard, b. 1801; m. Caroline Stevens; he d. in Michigan, in 1853. (7.) William, b. 1804; m. Betsey Henderson, of Rochester, N. H., in 1828; in 1854, he removed to Toledo, Tama, Co., Iowa, where he now resides. (8.) Henry, b. 1806, ; m. Emeline Andrew, of Litchfield, in 1830; he now lives in Hillsdale Co., Michigan. (9.) Mary Ann, b. 1811; m. David C. Bulkley, of Litchfield, in 1830; d. in 1847.

141. OLIVE, b. in Litchfield, Jan. 25, 1769; m. Thomas Goodwin, of that town, Nov. 14, 1793. Their children were —(1.) Harley, b. 1794; unmarried. (2.) Maria, b. 1797; m. Mark Mazuzen, of Litchfield. (3.) Solomon, b. 1800; m. Hannah Knapp, of Norfolk. (4.) Abigail, b. 1802; m. John Osborn, of Litchfield. (5.) Jesse, b. 1805. (6.) Anna, b. 1807; m. David Booth, and Theron Kent, both of Litchfield. (7.) Mary, b. 1809; m. Frederick A. Spaulding, of Norfolk. (8.) Olive, b. 1812.

142. WHITMAN, b. in Litchfield, April 12, 1772; m. Thalia Osborn, daughter of Capt. John Osborn, of Litchfield, April 7, 1800. Their children were—Myron, Ethan, Lewis, Eliada, Amanda and James. He d. in his native town, June 18, 1843, in the 72d year of her age.

143. SYBEL, b. in Litchfield, Nov. 8, 1774; she d. in early childhood, by falling into the fire.

31. JONATHAN.

144. JAMES, b. in Williamstown, Mass., Aug. 25, 1764; married, but had no children. He was a soldier of the Revolution, had a wrist broken in the service, and has been for some years past a pensioner. He was recently living (and perhaps still is,) in Williamstown, Orange Co., Vermont.

145. URI, b. in Williamstown, Mass.; d. young.

146. CALEB, b. in Williamstown, Mass.; d. young.

147. ZACHEUS, b. in Williamstown, Mass.; he d. several years since, leaving a family. For some years he resided

in the State of New York. Some of his descendants are living in the Western States.

148. JOSEPH, b. in Williamstown, Mass.; m. Rebecca Home, and settled on Onion River, in the town of Williamstown, Vermont, from which place they removed to Hamilton Co., Ohio, in 1808. They both d. in the fall of 1822, leaving six daughters and three sons, viz., Miranda, Electa, Hannah, Clarissa, Salome, Damaris, Henry, Perley H., and Jonathan.

80. JOSEPH.

149. SUSANNAH, b. in Litchfield, July 4, 1766. Her brother Aaron writes—"She married in Litchfield or Goshen, to a man unknown to us, and died in the town of Phelps, N. Y., many years ago."

150. TIMOTHY, b. in Litchfield, June 11, 1768; m. Clemment Woodhull, daughter of Benjamin Woodhull, formerly of Long Island, but subsequently of Ontario Co., N. Y. Mr. K. is now living in Delaware township, London District, Canada West, where he has a large family settled around him.

He accompanied his father and other members of his family to the Susquehannah country, in 1786, and was for several years an active participant in the famous contest between the settlers under the Connecticut claim and the government of Pennsylvania—a particular account of which may be found in the sketch given by his brother, Aaron. In the early part of the present century, he was County Commissioner and County Road Surveyor for Middlesex Co., Canada West.

151. ELIZABETH, b. in Litchfield, June 4, 1770; d. in childhood.

152. AARON, b. in Litchfield, Jan. 30, 1773. The following sketch of his eventful life, furnished by him at my request, cannot fail to be read with interest by his kindred:—

"I was born of respectable parents, in Litchfield, State of Connecticut, U. S. A., in the year of our Lord 1773. When about four years of age, my grandfather, Jonathan Kilbourn, died; and during the following year, I lost my most excellent mother. Little did I then know the extent of my bereavement, though I often afterwards mourned in secret over my loss.

In 1786, when I was about thirteen years old, my father removed with a portion of his family, to the Susquehannah river, in the State of Pennsylvania, and I bade a final farewell to the associates of my childhood, for I have never had the pleasure of meeting one of them since.

During the following autumn, (1786,) my father, brother Timothy and myself, went up the Susquehannah to Meshopping Creek, about forty miles from Wilksbarre, and commenced the erection of a grist and saw-mill. While we were there, the "great pumpkin flood," so called, came and swept off nearly all the pumpkins and stacks of hay, corn and oats in the valley, broke our mill-dam, and carried off some houses that had been recently erected near us. When winter came on our mills were not finished, the snow fell very deep, and there were no roads in all our region except Indian trails. My brother, two young Dudleys, and myself, were left at the mills alone, where we suffered severely from hunger and cold for nearly two months. One of the Dudleys got the hide of a horse that had died, with which to make a pair of shoe-packs. Having taken off the hair with ley, he made his pack, and I collected the trimmings, roasted and ate them. My brother finally made a slug out of a bit of lead, and fortunately killed a deer—upon which we "fared sumptuously," though we were not "clothed in fine linen." In the month of January, I was sent with a boy, in a canoe to Wilksbarre. The weather was very cold, we were thinly clad and suffered much. When some ten or twelve miles from our place of destination, we found the river dammed up with ice, and our canoe frozen fast in the middle. In this condition we remained nearly an entire night; a little before day we found that the anchor ice was frozen to the cakes so hard that in a short time we were able to go ashore on the ice; soon after which the river broke, and our boat was crushed to atoms by the floating cakes of ice.

In the summer of 1787, our family removed to Meshopping Creek. My brother and myself were sent to a farm owned by my father, three or four miles further up the river, and on the opposite side, to clear a piece of land and build a house upon it. We accomplished our object, but as our canoe had drifted off, we were without food for two or three days, and could get nothing to eat. At length I succeeded in catching a large chub from the river, and on returning to the house with my prize, I was delighted to find that my brother had caught a turtle which afforded us sixty eggs. We had a delicious repast, though without salt or bread.

Time soon brought about a war between the Connecticut settlers and the Pennsylvania government. My father had purchased and paid for between two and three thousand acres of land in the valley, and of course he and his family felt a deep interest in maintaining the claim of Connecticut, and in establishing their personal right to the soil. As the authorities of Pennsylvania refused to recognize the right of Connecticut to dispose of the land on the Susquehannah, they naturally enough regarded the settlers as intruders. The emigrants from Connecticut were for a while united as one man; but many of them were finally bought over by the Pennsylvania Commissioners, who, by way of compromise, were authorized to confirm to each settler a certain number of acres.* One of these Commissioners was Colonel Pickering, who, soon after his arrival, made himself very obnoxious to the people by causing the arrest and imprisonment of our leader, Colonel Franklin, on a charge of treason. My brother and eight or ten other young men, resolved upon retaliatory measures; accordingly they proceeded to Wilksbarre, surrounded the dwelling of Colonel Pickering, took him prisoner, and carried him to a place called "Black Walnut Bottom," where they confined him in the woods under a guard.† At the same time they made it known to the other party that if they would liberate Franklin, Col. Pickering should be safely returned. About this time I joined the "wild Yankees," as the party were called; and on the day following a skirmish took place between about thirty "Pennamites" and sixteen or eighteen "Yankees,"

* These Commisioners were Peter Muhlenburg, Timothy Pickering and Joseph Montgomery. They were authorized to confirm 300 acres to each actual settler in Luzerne County. Pickering became one of the most eminent men in the nation—and was Secretary of State, Secretary of War, Post Master General, United States Senator, &c.

† The Hon. Charles Miner, in his admirable "History of Wyoming," gives a minute account of Col. Pickering's abduction, and re-publishes the Colonel's own account of the affair. The event created great excitement throughout Pennsylvania. Mr. Miner says, "Four companies of militia were ordered out, viz., that of Wilksbarre, under the command of Capt. William Ross; a troop of horse, commanded by Capt. John Paul Schott; the Hanover boys, Capt. Rosewell Franklin; and a company from Kingston, under Major Lawrence Myers—the whole military moving by direction of the civil authority, as part of the posse comitatus, directed by Lord Butler, Esq., the High Sheriff of the County." The Supreme Court was in session when the news reached Philadelphia. In reply to an application to the Court to admit Col. Franklin to bail, the Chief Justice said, "that however inclined to consider the subject yesterday, the information received from Luzerne County was a conclusive barrier to the application; for it appeared that the insurgents had surrounded the house of Col. Pickering, and seized him as a hostage, and that Mr. Montgomery, another of the Commissioners, had escaped with difficulty, after suffering the greatest personal violence."

Says Mr. Miner, (Hist. of Wyoming, p. 438,): "Among those concerned in the abduction of Col. Pickering, we find Noah Phelps, *two or three Kilbourns*, and some others, distinguished names now in Connecticut, and that of Garret Smith, a christian name so unusual, as to lead us to wonder whether he may not have been the father or relative of the distinguished New Yorker."

myself among them.* Several persons were wounded, one of whom was Captain Ross, a Pennamite leader. Our party detained Col. Pickering eighteen days, and then released him on his giving us a written pledge that he would pardon us all.† Notwithstanding this promise, we were all advertised as outlaws, and one hundred dollars were offered for the apprehension of any of us, dead or alive.‡

* "Pennamites" and "Yankees" or "wild Yankees," were the technical terms by which the two parties in Wyoming were long known.

† "We had been in this valley but two or three days," says Col. Pickering, in his narrative, "when one morning, while all my guards were fast asleep, I heard a brisk firing of musquetry. It was a skirmish, I had no doubt, between the 'Boys,' (as these fellows called their party,) and the militia—who had come from below to discover them, and rescue *me*. But I let them sleep on; nor did I tell them of the firing after they awoke. After breakfast, one of them went down to a house by the river, in their interest, and returned in haste, to tell his comrades that the 'Boys' and militia had met, and that in the battle Capt. Ross, who commanded the militia, was badly wounded. At the close of this or the next day, they marched down to the river, and sought for a canoe to cross to the western side; but could find none. We were now at Black Walnut Bottom, about 44 miles from Wilksbarre. Thus disappointed, they marched back into the woods, and we lay down for the night. The next day towards evening, they went again to the river and crossed it. It was so dark that at the distance of 30 or 40 yards we might pass unseen. They passed through a thick wood *to the house of one* KILBORN, *father to two of the party.* There we lodged. The next morning they pushed back into the woods, about four miles from the river. This changing from place to place, was to prevent their being discovered by the militia, who came from below at different times to find them." * * * * * * *

"When we arrived near their head-quarters, they halted. One went to announce their arrival. Two or three came out, Gideon Dudley at their head—when he put to me the original question—'Will you intercede for Colonel Franklin's pardon?' 'I will answer no question till I am set at liberty,' was my return. *They conducted me into Kilborn's house.*" * * *

"It was now the 16th of July. Nineteen days had passed away, while I had been their prisoner. Having no razor, nor a second shirt, I had neither shaved nor changed my linen, during the whole time. * * * As soon as I had entered Kilborn's house, they brought me a razor and soap to shave, and a clean shirt, and pair of stockings; and told me I was at liberty. They roasted some chickens, and gave me as good a dinner as the poor wretches could furnish."

Pickering was a man of violent temper and prejudices; and his account of the abduction abounds with such epithets as "ruffians," "wretches," "crew," "diabolical outrage," &c.; when in fact, from his own showing, he was treated by his captors with great kindness and courtesy. A newspaper account of the affair, written at Wyoming, and copied into the "Litchfield Monitor," in July, 1788, alluding to the detention of Col. Franklin in the Philadelphia jail, remarks:—"It was believed that Col. Pickering was instrumental in detaining him. Upon the return of the express, *a number of the best citizens* went to the house of Colonel Pickering, took him into possession and carried him into the woods," &c.

‡ The following paragraph has reference to one of the Proclamations issued for the arrest of the leaders in the "violent abduction;"—

"NEW YORK, July 7, 1788.

"The Vice President and Supreme Council of Pennsylvania have issued a proclamation, offering a reward of *three hundred dollars* to whomsoever shall

Having by this time determined to leave the country, and give up our property as lost, seven or eight of us proceeded up the west side of the Susquehannah, to Wyalusing, where we stayed all night. In the morning we were visited by a supposed friend, who said with apparent sincerity that it was too bad for us to remain in the woods, assuring us that there would be no danger in traveling by the road, and offering to send us across the river in his canoe. We concluded to follow his advice, and the canoe, in charge of two men and a boy, was soon ready to convey us over to the other side. Three or four of us got in, but before we had proceeded more than half way across, the boy exclaimed with an oath—'*I will tell! I will tell!* The Pennamites are hid in those bushes, and the moment you land they will kill you!' One of our men, named Dudley, immediately presented his rifle to the head of the steersman, threatening him with instant death if he did not put back to an island which we had just passed. Seeing no other way of escape, the man obeyed the injunction. On reaching the island, one of the boatmen effected his escape. Moved by the oaths and threats of Dudley, the other boatman, aided by the boy, soon rowed us back to the place from which we started. After providing for the safety of the boy who had saved us, we traveled for two days up the river and then crossed to the other side and proceeded to Wysock Creek, where we obtained provisions. Here three of our number, who had crossed the stream in advance of the others, were fired upon by a party of about thirty Pennamites, who lay concealed in a log house near them. They killed Dudley, one of our bravest men. In consequence of the heavy rain which was falling, we could not return the fire, and were obliged to retreat. It would seem that they had endeavored to surround us, for we soon discovered two men concealed in brush heaps. We were very near them before they were observed, so much so that my brother rushed forward and seizing the musket of one of them, wrenched it from his hands. As he did not care to kill the fellow, he told him to run for his life, which he did. The two men who were in advance of us, came up. One of them had been shorn of his cue by a ball, and the other found a bullet safely lodged in a jonnycake that was in his pack. Pausing for a few moments for the purpose of counseling with each other, and to drop a tear for the fate of poor Dudley, we again took to the woods. Without hats, coats, or blankets, we traveled over laurel hills, and through hemlock swamps, to the

apprehend, &c., Daniel Earl, Benjamin Earl, Joseph Dudley, Wilkes Jenkins, *Timothy Kilburne*, John Whitcomb, and Thomas Kenney, who have conspired to obstruct the execution of the laws in the County of Luzerne, and have violently seized and carried off the person of Timothy Pickering, Esq., an officer of Government, whom they still detain as a prisoner.

"Colonel Pickering's being taken has caused much confusion in Luzerne County. Bodies have marched in pursuit of him, in opposition to the 'wild boys,' in which skirmishes ensued and blood was shed."—*Litchfield Monitor.*

east branch of the Susquehannah, all the while suffering for the want of suitable food. We could kill nothing through fear of attracting our enemies by the noise we might make. I caught but one small trout during the wanderings of four or five days, and was often compelled to eat basswood leaves and birch bark to satisfy the cravings of hunger. At length we reached a place called Wapassenee, containing two or three families. They were poor but hospitable. The men killed venison for us, while the women pounded corn and made us jonnycakes. After resting and refreshing ourselves for a few days, we proceeded on to Owego, N. Y., where we procured provisions, and started for the 'Genesee country.' Unfortunately, we took the wrong Indian trail, and were compelled to return to Owego, having completely exhausted our supply of food. The party now left me at Owego, and proceeded on their journey. A day or two after their departure, John Hallenbeck arrived with a company of horsemen in search of the wild Yankees. They proceeded eight or ten miles up the river, and took our Captain prisoner, tied him on a horse, and came back with him to the place where I was. One of our men snapped a rifle at Hallenbeck, and another shot down his horse; upon which he and his men made their escape, and our Captain was set at liberty. Hallenbeck's party ran away in such hot haste that I was not molested by any of them, although a proclamation was then being circulated, offering a reward for my arrest—a fact of which I was ignorant. I returned to my father's house at 'Black Walnut Bottom,' near Meshopping, where I was taken prisoner and lodged in Wilksbarre jail. After remaining there two or three weeks, I was brought before the Court, tried by the Pennsylvania law, and sentenced to three months imprisonment and to pay the costs of court. After remaining in prison under this sentence for about six weeks, one of my former associates procured a key which he ascertained would fit my cell, and gave it to me. With it I effected my escape, accompanied by my father, who was confined with me. We crossed the river, took a by-path and traveled all night without hat or shoes. Owing to my long confinement, I could proceed but slowly the next day. About ten o'clock in the morning, as we were passing a house, sick and weary, an old woman, who seemed to know who and what we were, came out with a capacious jonnycake, which had been baked on a board, and putting her hand on my head, gave it to me with her blessing, saying that it was all she had. The next day we arrived safely at my father's house.

In the fall, Capt. John Swift came with a large boat, took my father and his family on board, and went up to Newtown Point. In January, 1789, I went with Captain Swift to Catharinetown, situated at the head of Seneca Lake. On our way, we had to draw our boat three miles over

the ice; and after reaching the water our mast became displaced, the boat nearly filled with water, and we were compelled to go ashore, build a fire and dry our clothes. On reaching Geneva, I found my brother Timothy at work upon a saw-mill. He gave me a suit of clothes; and I remained with him through the winter. He set in operation the first mills that were ever erected in that part of the country.

Early in the summer, my father removed his family to Geneva, and with my assistance commenced erecting mills in a Quaker settlement in the vicinity. Here he purchased a farm, and I was sent down the Mohawk for seed wheat. Accompanied by a man in a boat, we crossed several lakes, carrying our boat where we could not navigate. On the way I was taken sick with a fever and ague, and was left behind, without money or friends. The man with whom I was left, in order to get rid of me, put me on board a boat bound for Geneva. On my way I was delirious, and parched with thirst, and could only obtain water by lying over the edge of the boat and dipping it up with a scoop shovel.

In the winter, Major Jenkins and his assistants came up from the Susquehannah to make surveys near us. The Indians fell upon his tent at night, killed one of his men and wounded another. The surveyors, in their defence, knocked down one of the Indians with an axe, and broke the shoulder of another with a compass-staff. The remainder of the assailants were taken, given up to the whites, and sent under a guard to a jail in Pennsylvania—which, however, they never reached, the guard having killed them on the way. I was sent to bring in the body of the murdered surveyor; and was also selected with others to pilot Major Jenkins and the survivors of his party to a place of safety, which duty we faithfully performed.

In the summer of 1792, Timothy and myself built two mills—one at the head of Canandaigua Lake, and the other on Honeyoye Creek; and also assisted our father in erecting three mills near Canandaigua, one of which was upon his own land. My father was by this time in easy circumstances; but he was taken sick, and as we were nearly out of meal and flour, it was determined that I should go about two day's journey with a brother-in-law for a fresh supply. With a few buckwheat cakes, a pound of bear meat, and nine-pence in our treasury, we started on our trip. At Geneva river, about forty miles from home, we procured the grain, hired a boat, took it to the head of Canandaigua Lake to be ground, and returned home after a week's absence, and a journey of over two hundred miles. My father erected a Pearl-Ash Factory, and after a few years became involved, and lost his farm. In 1794, he removed to Niagara Falls, and erected mills on the Canada side. While there, he discovered the 'Burning Spring,' which to this day is visited as a curiosity.

While at work with my father near Niagara, I was drafted by the British to help the Indians fight General Wayne and his army. I was appointed a Sergeant, and marched with my company toward Detroit; but hearing that the fighting was all over, I deserted and went back to the Falls. I was pursued and nearly overtaken, but escaped by good running. On my way to Black Rock, soon after, I encountered a British soldier with side arms, who attempted to take me; but he was frightened from his purpose by a sight of my musket.

In 1795, at the age of twenty-two years, I was married in Phelps, Ontario Co., N. Y., to Miss Hannah, daughter of Benjamin Woodhull, from Long Island,* and soon after, with my father, brother, and other members of the family, settled in Delaware, Middlesex County, Canada West, Timothy and myself having sold our property in the United States for £500. The County of Middlesex at that time was a vast wilderness, inhabited by Indians, who lived by fishing and the chase. The savages were very friendly except when under the influence of ardent spirits, which they often purchased of traders. Our new home was near the banks of the Thames, about one hundred and forty miles west of Niagara Falls. There was not a blacksmith's shop or a mill within sixty miles of us, and the only road was an Indian war-path. There was but one white family in Delaware township, when we arrived. We now experienced the privations, hardships and adventures of pioneer life in a greater degree than we had ever done before. Our clothes soon consisted of a blanket-coat with a belt about the waist, and a mink skin suspended from it, in which we carried a flint, steel, pipe and tobacco; our pantaloons were made of deer skin, our shirts of calico purchased of the Indian traders. Our food consisted of bear, venison, raccoon and fish. Our

* The original progenitor of the *Woodhulls* appears to have been a Flemish soldier, who came to England with William the Conqueror, in 1066, and whose son Walter, was made *Baron of Wahull.* Seventeen generations later, a descendant, named Nicholas Wodhull, had his title changed to Baron Wodhull The first *American* ancestor of the family was Richard Wodhull, (a great grandson of the last named Baron Wodhull). He was born in Hereford, Northamptonshire, England, Sept. 13, 1620; came to America, and was one of the original purchasers and settlers of Setauket, on Long Island, in 1656, where he was one of the earliest magistrates and commissioners, when that town was under the jurisdiction of Connecticut. He died in Setucket in 1690, leaving two sons, Richard and Nathaniel. The latter died without issue; the former, (Richard,) was also a magistrate, and died in 1699, leaving four sons, Richard, Nathaniel, John and Josiah. The third Richard died in 1767, leaving five sons, viz.—Richard, John, (the grandfather of Hon. Caleb S. Woodhull, late Mayor of New York City,) Nathan, Stephen and Henry. Nathaniel, (last named,) was the father of General Nathaniel Woodhull, who was President of the Provincial Congress of New York, during the Revolution.—[See Thompson's Hist. of Long Island.]

It will be observed that Timothy and Aaron Kilbourn married sisters—both being daughters of Benjamin Woodhull.

bread was made of corn pounded in a hole cut out in the top of a stump, and sifted through a common sieve. Of the fine we made bread, of the coarse, soup. We did not forget the Sabbath; but usually spent the day in hunting, fishing, drinking watered rum, and playing or fighting with the Indians. The whites and savages sometimes killed each other in their drunken frolics; but when sober, both parties were ready to make peace. Four or five times a year, the Indians were accustomed to assemble near us, sometimes to the number of six hundred, to celebrate certain feast days—each bringing with him his share of provisions. I was often present at their festivals and weddings. One of the items in their bill of fare was usually a boiled dog. The chief would ask a blessing, thanking the Great Spirit for feeding them, and calling upon Him to feed their children and their children's children. We also frequently attended their funerals. Their practice was to lay the corpse on the ground; the mourners and other friends were seated in a row; and one after another, their guns were fired off, for the purpose, as they said, of frightening away the evil spirits, while the good spirits took possession of their friend, and conducted him to their spiritual hunting-grounds. If the deceased was a warrior, they signified the number slain by him, by the blows of a hatchet upon a standing pole. We often joined in these rude ceremonies for the purpose of conciliating our red neighbors, and it had the desired effect. I could use the bow, the hatchet, and the spear, with the best of them; and my brother was designated among them as 'the great white hunter.'

I have seen more than one hundred deer in a drove, and a flock of wild turkeys ten or a dozen rods wide, and so long that neither end was visible. The pike were so numerous in the streams that we could catch fourteen hundred in a single night, each weighing from three to five pounds. Wolves, too, were abundant. I once met nine gray ones together, and felt constrained to give them a wide path, and to let them pass on unmolested.

Our family purchased 3500 acres of land, for $2 50 per acre, to be paid in five or six annual installments—of which sum myself and brother paid one thousand dollars down. We built two saw mills and a grist mill, and paid the installments as they became due, for three successive years, and of the last installments I paid my full share. But our dam had been carried off, and other losses pressed heavily upon us, so that a portion of the last payment was not met when due; and as we were all bound together, we all failed together.

My father then removed to the vicinity of Detroit, bought a squatter's privilege upon Rouge River remained there two or three years, and then returned to Delaware, where he died in 1817, aged 72. A few years

subsequent, a deed was made out for him at Washington, for 640 acres of land in Michigan; but the Indians robbed the mail and destroyed the deed. This land is occupied, but we have never been able to gain possession of it.*

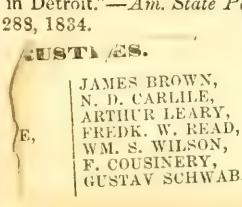
When the war of 1812 broke out, ours was still a frontier settlement. The country was overrun with Indians, accoutred, plucked and painted like devils, as they were—some carrying poles decked with human scalps, which they would leave at our doors, while they came in to take our hard-earned food or our scalps, as best suited their purpose for the time being. Some persons in our vicinity joined the Americans, and came back and robbed us; and our own Indians murdered some of our neighbors, that they might obtain the reward for scalps. The Yankees drove off our horses, the Indians killed our sheep, and the soldiers robbed our hen-roosts. I joined the Canadian forces as a volunteer, and marched to Detroit. At the battle of the River Raisin, one of our British Indians dragged an American soldier who had one leg broken, out of the battle, concealed him in some bushes, until the fight was over, and then placed him on a hand sled and drew him to the American camp, a distance of over thirty miles. You may be sure that by this act the savage was repaying some act of kindness. Other instances of a similar kind, which came under my own observation, I might relate; but the above will suffice as an illustration of a remarkable trait of the aborigines. On my way home, I found a poor American soldier who was wounded at the Raisin battle. One of the Indians attempted to kill him, upon which I stepped between them, and saved his life. From this time he kept close by me while I remained in his company. We carried him ten or twelve miles in our sleigh; and when he could go no farther, we

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* "LAND CLAIMS IN MICHIGAN TERRITORY.—Communicated to Congress, Jan. 2, 1807, by Albert Gallatin, Secretary of the Treasury.

"No. 31—JOSEPH KILBURN.—The claim of *Joseph Kilburn* to ten aprons or French acres, in front, on River Rouge, extending back to the Line of the lands of the St. Cosme's family, (not to exceed in the whole 640 acres,) which was entered in full length with the former Commissioners of the Land Office at Detroit, in Vol. I, p. 279, under the date of 2d Feb., 1805, was taken into consideration; whereupon Pierre Dumay was brought forward as a witness in behalf of the Claimant,—who, being duly sworn, deposed and said, that Messrs. Meldrum and Park were in possession and occupancy of the premises previous to the 1st of July 1796, and until the 2d of April 1804, when they sold to the claimant, who has been in possession and occupancy since that time to this day.

"And therefore it doth appear to the Commissioners that the Claimant is entitled to the aforesaid tract of land, and that he have a certificate thereof, which certificate shall be No. 31, and that he cause the same to be surveyed, and a plot of the survey, with the quantity therein contained, to be returned to the Register of the Land Office in Detroit."—*Am. State Papers*, Vol. I, p. 311.—Ed. of 1832: also Vol. I, p. 288, 1834.



provided him with money and left him in the care of persons who would take the best care of him. We afterwards learned of his death.

Soon after we reached home, a regiment passed us on their way to storm Sandusky Fort. They were defeated. Very few came back, and they were fearfully mangled. They were driven right through Delaware. I dragged one poor fellow, with a broken leg, on a sled, five or six miles. The advance of General Harrison caused our army to retreat up the Thames to Moraviantown, where was fought the battle of the Thames, in which Tecumseh was killed. In the defeat of our forces, and the subsequent pursuit, the fugitive army again passed through Delaware. The action between Colonel Croghan and a portion of our army, was but eighteen miles from my home.

During the following summer, there was much fighting in our town and vicinity. In the expedition of General McArthur, our mills and the office of my father were burnt. As my father was Town Clerk, the records of the town were destroyed with his office.

Peace came at last, but it found us in a condition far from enviable. The loss of time, the almost total neglect of our farms, the ruinous prices which we were compelled to pay for the necessaries of life, the torch of the incendiary, the plunderings of the soldiery and the pillaging of traitorous neighbors, had almost ruined us. In my stock, I was reduced to a single yoke of oxen, one of which I killed for food, and the other I sold to buy flour. For the latter, I sent to Detroit, 120 miles distant—two barrels costing me forty dollars. Before its arrival, we were without bread nine days. I had eight small children to provide for, which was no easy task at such a time. As I have before stated, however, we had an abundance of fish and game, so that we were never destitute of wholesome food.

At the close of the war, I drew from government three hundred acres of land in the town of Westminster, upon which I now reside—having removed from Delaware to this place in 1815. My farm is now worth $2,500, and we are surrounded by many blessings and privileges. I had not been long in my new home, when the Methodists came into our neighborhood, and created a great excitement. I determined to drive them from the place, and united with others of a kindred spirit for that purpose. But the more they were persecuted, the stronger they grew; and some of my party told such bare-faced falsehoods concerning them, that I left their company, and finally went to 'quarterly meeting.' Through the instrumentality of these preachers, I was led to consider the error of my former ways, and to seek forgiveness where alone it can be found. I have a hope, by the help of God, to walk worthily, and trust to be found in the narrow road when I am called to a world of less care than this."

Mr. Aaron Kilbourn, (the writer of the foregoing,) is still living in Westminster, C. W., at the age of 82--with a numerous posterity settled around him. He was appointed Deputy Sheriff of Middlesex county in 1802, and held the office for many years.

153. SARAH, m. Oliver Whitmore, in Ontario Co., N. Y., and now lives in Toledo, Ohio.

154. JOSEPH, emigrated from Canada to Detroit, Mich.; m. a French girl at the River Raisin, near that city, and d. there, leaving children. His son Joseph, if living, is now (1855) about twenty-five years old.

155. CANDACE, m. Joseph Brown, of Delaware, Canada West; both d. in Detroit, Mich.

156. LUCY, m. Isaac Fairchild, of Oakland, Canada West. Her children were—(1.) Samuel, m Eliza Yerks. (2.) Timothy m. Sarah Miller. (3.) Almira, m. James Malcolm. (4.) Asahel, m. Elizabeth Westbrook. (5.) Angeline, m. Abraham Westbrook. (6.) Benjamin, m. Mary Ann Westbrook. 7. Joseph, m. Sarah Lefler; dead. (8.) Mary, m. Malcolm Brown. (9.) Maria, m. Charles Chapin. (10.) Isaac, m. Amy Misener. (11.) Matilda, m. Lyman Chapin. (12.) Francis, m. Jane Harris. (13.) Milison, m. George Roberts. (14.) Sarah d. unmarried. All of the above named children of Isaac and Lucy Fairchild, who survive, are residents of Oakland, except Benjamin and Isaac, who live in the County of Kent, Michigan, near the Grand River Rapids.

157. POLLY, m. Annanias McMillan, of Delaware, Canada West, and settled in Detroit, Mich., in 1814, where she is still living with her children. Her husband is deceased.

158. ABIGAIL, m. Samuel Hungerford, and had one son and nine daughters, viz. (1.) Maria, m. Charles Montague, and has five sons. (2.) Caroline, m. John Montague; has one son and five daughters. (3.) Laura, m. James Montague; has eight children. They live in Michigan. (4.) Samuel A., m. Mary Frank; has three children. (5.) Matilda, m. Alonzo

Harrington; has five children. (6.) Lucy, m. Henry Fanger; has three children. (7.) Harriet, m. Peter Tunks, of Westminster; has three children. (8.) Zeruah, m. John Fulkerson; has five children.

159. SOPHIA, m. Mr. Ahort, of Detroit; d. without issue.

81. LEMUEL.

160. LEMUEL JUDSON, b. in Litchfield, April 3, 1763. He resided for several years in Granby, and subsequently in New York and Pennsylvania. He was a man of philosophical turn of mind, and possessed much mechanical ingenuity. In the list of inventions patented, recently published under the direction of the Commissioner of Patents, are the following: "For distilling Alcohol, Lemuel J. Kilborn, and John Beddis, Pennsylvania, June 4, 1803; Striking part of Clocks, Lemuel J. Kilborn, Penn., Oct. 4, 1809; Castings for Clocks, Lemuel J. Kilborn, Penn., Oct. 13, 1809," &c. He married, but I have learned nothing of his family.

161. PHILO, b. in Litchfield, Nov. 12, 1769. He lived in Granby for several years, but left there long since, and I have been unable to ascertain where he settled.

82. JEHIEL.

162. OZIAS, b. in Litchfield, m. Elizabeth Page, of Warren; she d. in Milford, Otsego Co., N. Y. His second wife was Sally, widow of Norman Wetmore and sister of his first wife. By these two marriages he had eleven children viz., Diantha, Rhoda, Anna, Norman, Hiram, Ozias, Heman, Eliza, Thalia, Angelina and James. He d. in Union, Tioga Co., Penn., in March, 1841. He had lived in Delaware, N. Y., and in Canton, Bradford Co., Penn.

163. URANIA, b. in Litchfield; m. David Stockwell, of Hartwick, N. Y. She d. in Canton, Penn., in Oct., 1842; he d. in the same place, in April, 1849. Their children were —(1.) Hon. CHARLES STOCKWELL, b. Oct. 8, 1804; m. Anna Griffin, July 11, 1838; resides in Canton, Bradford Co., Penn. He was a Representative in the Pennsylvania Legislature in

1850, and has since been one of the Clerks of the House. (2.) Warren Stockwell, b. Oct. 31, 1807; m. Lovina Lyon, in 1830. (3.) Amy Stockwell, b. March, 1810; m. George Brigham, of Canton, Penn.

164. RHODA, m. Elisha Marsh, of Litchfield, in 1802. He d. Dec. 16, 1841, aged 69; she d. March 5, 1850, aged 76. Their children were—(1.) Sally, b. April 25, 1803; m. Nathaniel Bissell, of Litchfield. (2.) Polly, b. Dec. 9, 1804. (3.) Rhoda, b. Aug. 14, 1806. (4.) Elihu, b. April 4, 1808; d. May 3, 1840. (5.) Lewis, b. Nov. 28, 1810. (6.) Elias, b. Sept. 18, 1812; d. July 20, 1820. (7.) Myron, b. March 2, 1814. (8.) George, d. Dec. 17, 1817, aged one year.

165. DIANTHA, m. William Griswold, and settled in Western New York. They had six children, viz., Erastus, Julius, (dead,) Lois, William, (dead,) Lyman and Alonzo. The survivors live in Yates Co., N. Y.

166. HULDAH, m. Daniel Fairchild, of Hartwick, N. Y., and are both now living in Franklin, Delaware Co., in that State. They have had three children—Nelson, Peter and Harriet.

167. SALLY, m. Rev. Simeon Griswold, of Meredith, N. H., (a Baptist clergyman,) and had three children—Louisa, Ruth and Olive.

168. LOIS, m. Capt. Samuel Buel, of Litchfield. She d. Aug. 12, 1809, aged twenty-one.

169. HEMAN, was killed in Warren, Conn., on the evening of Oct. 10, 1799, by the falling of a piece of timber upon him during a whirlwind. He was in the 15th year of his age.

83. ROSWELL.

170. RHODA, b. in Litchfield; m. John Dunning, and d. in Benson, Vermont. She had two children—Abigail and James.

171. ROSWELL, b. in Litchfield, April 7, 1763; m. Abigail Beard, daughter of Samuel Beard, of Milton, Conn.,

and settled in Castleton, Vermont, where they both died. Their children were—Alanson, Lure, Almira, Roswell and Lewis.

172. ANNA, b. in Litchfield.

173. ELIZABETH, b. in Litchfield; m. Obed Beach, and lived for many years in New Haven, Vermont, but late in life they removed to Ohio, and d. there. Their children were—Susannah, Amos, Uriah, Ambrose, Rhoda, Sarah, Lorenzo, Roswell, Irene, Obed and Orrin.

174. IRENE, b. in Litchfield; of her history I have learned nothing.

175. REBECCA, b. in Litchfield—probably d. young.*

176. JOHN, b. in Litchfield, May 19, 1775; m. Mercy Robbins "of Litchfield or vicinity." The Town Records of Litchfield show that he was a resident "of Kent, Conn.," in July, 1795; of "Fair Haven, Vermont," Aug. 4, 1796; of "Rensselaerville, N. Y.," Oct. 28, 1801.† I learn from a nephew of his, that he had one or more children; but I have been unable to obtain any information concerning his location, since the last of the foregoing dates.

177. JOSEPH, b. in Litchfield, Feb. 15, 1777; d. in infancy.

89. JAMES.

178. JAMES, b. in Litchfield, May 24, 1774; m. Anna Remington, of Vermont; d. in Brockville, Canada West, March, 1807. Children—Phebe, James and Zadock, who were, when last heard from, in the town of Gallatin, Cophia county, Mississippi.

* The Rev. Alanson Kilburn, of Enosburgh, Vt., (son of Roswell, Jr.,) communicated to me nearly all the facts here given of his aunts; but he *never* heard of Rebecca, and knows nothing of Irene and Anna, except that their names were familiar to him in his childhood.

† August 4, 1776, John Kilborn, aforesaid, sold to Frederick Wolcott, of Litchfield, eleven acres of land lying in said Litchfield, "on the east side of the highway leading to Goshen East street, two miles north of the Court House;" also, "two acres opposite," &c. In Oct. 1801, he sold land in Litchfield to Solomon Marsh.

179. ABEL, b. in Litchfield, Sept. 4, 1776; m. Mary Smith; his children are—George, Remington, Hiram, Wilson, Phebe, Lucy and Harriet; resides in Leeds county, Canada West.

180. SARAH, m. A. W. Hyde, of Castleton, Vt.

181. MARY, m. Wm. Pitt Hyde, and resided in Sudbury, Vermont.

182. ELI, b. in Castleton, Vt., April 15th, 1781; m. Olive Russell, in Johnstown, Canada, in 1801, and has children, Lewis, James Crampton, William Russell, Sophia A., Candace and Artemesia; now resides in Crosby, Canada.

183. HIRAM, b. in Castleton, in 1784; m. Sarah Billings, of Brockville, C. W., in 1809, and has children, Braddish, Hiram, Billings, James, Luther, Albert and Alphonzo; now lives in Elizabethtown, C. W.

184. ROXANA, m. Daniel Moulton, of Castleton, Vt.

185. RUTH, m. Oliver Moulton, of Castleton, Vt.

92. GILES.

186. SAMUEL, b. in Litchfield; was a soldier in the Continental army, and was killed by the British near New York, in 1781; was unmarried.

187. RHODA, b. in Litchfield, March 9, 1759; m. Phineas Hill, of Litchfield, March 31, 1784; removed with her husband to Shelburne, Vt., when that township was a wilderness. To reach their log cabin, (which her husband had built the preceding season,) she rode five miles through a pathless forest on horseback, with a child in her arms and a bed bound on the horse behind her. Mr. Hill d. in Shelburne, Nov. 2, 1826; Mrs. Hill d. Nov. 29, 1843, aged 84. Their children are—(1.) Kilborn, b. in Litchfield, Aug. 22, 1785; m. Deborah Soper, of Charlotte, Vt., June 12, 1806. She d. April 10, 1826; and on the 17th of Sept. 1826, he m. Abigail Stokes. He resides in Shelburne; has no children. (2.) Seymour, b. Feb. 28, 1787; d. Oct. 26, 1796. (3.) Clarissa, b. 1788; m. Newell Foot, of Charlotte Vt.; re-

moved to St. Lawrence, Co., N. Y., and d. there, May 20, 1821. She had no children. (4.) Olive, b. 1790; m. Thomas Hickok, of Charlotte, Vt.; removed to Ohio, where he d. some years since. She is now living with a son in Wisconsin. (5.) Roxana, b. 1792. (6.) Diantha, b. 1795; m. Samuel Bissell. They now reside in Wisconsin.

188. LAURA, m. Ezekiel Howard, (son of the Rev. Nathan Howard, of New London;) and settled in Burlington, Vt., where they both died. Their children—(1.) Laura, m. Mr. Eldridge, and is now living in Beekmantown, N. Y. (2.) Joseph, d. in Boston, several years since, leaving a family. (3.) Anna, m. Allander Peterson, of Burlington, Vermont, where she d. March 15, 1846, leaving six children, viz., 1. George, a merchant in Burlington, and a Director of the Commercial Bank; 2. Allander, a merchant at 486 Grand st., Williamsburgh, N. Y.; 3. Willard; 4. Mary A., m. E. J. Fay, of Burlington; 5. Julia Ann, m. Henry Winch; 6. Enos. (4.) Rhoda, m. Mr. Page, of Shelburne, and d. there about 1825, leaving several children. (5.) Amos, d. in Burlington, about 1840. (6.) Ezekiel, d. in Burlington, about 1830.

189. OLIVE, m. Mr. Leason, and settled in Burlington, Vt. After his death she m. Mr. Green.

190. ANNE, m. Joseph Hamilton, and settled in or near Burlington, Vermont, where she died.

191. JOHN, b. in Litchfield, March 16, 1766; m. Lois Stoddard, April 26, 1790, and had four children, viz., Thirza, Harry, Mahala and Mary. He was Collector of Church Taxes, in 1793; and was for several years Superintendent of the Poor. Mrs. Lois Kilborn d. Dec. 26, 1831, aged 61; and on the 23d of June, 1833, John Kilborn was m. to Mrs. Huldah Humaston. Mr. K. d. in Litchfield, Feb. 6, 1835, in the 70th year of his age; his widow d. in Plymouth, in 1854.

192. MARY, m. Elihu, L. Munger, of Litchfield, Oct. 29, 1783, and had seven children, viz., (1.) Charlotte, m.

William Ward, of Litchfield, and had, Julian, Henry,* Abigail, Harriet, John, Caroline, William, Elias, Ambrose, Ellen, Anne and Mary. (2.) Julius, m. Anna Woodcock. (3.) Mary, m. William S. Fisher, and had William, Edward, Charles, George, Maria, Hannah, Sabra, Mary Ann, Harriet. (4.) Elisha, m. and settled in Pennsylvania. (5.) Samuel, m. Rhoda Simmons, and had Rachel, Rufus, Sarah, Mary, Morris, Frederick and Horatio. (6.) Sarah, m. Rev. Stephen W. Burritt, a Congregational clergyman, now a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio. (7.) Sabra, m. James Benton, and settled in Bainbridge, N. Y.

193. ELIZABETH, m. Calvin Bissell, of Litchfield, and had ten children, viz., (1.) Catharine, m. Abner Culver; d. in Hartwick, N. Y. (2.) Wait, d. unmarried. (3.) Charles, a soldier in Capt. Stephen Ranney's company in the war of 1812; d. at Plattsburgh, N. Y. (4.) Horace, settled in Hartwick, N. Y., where he m. Miranda Bissell,† (his second cousin,) and d. leaving several children. (5.) Henry, m. Belinda McNiel, and settled in Litchfield; he has two daughters—Caroline E., and Emily F. (6.) Laura, m. John D. Webber, and settled in Cincinnatus, N. Y. (7.) Alma, m. Elizur B. Smith, of Litchfield. (8.) Maria, m a Mr. Palmer, and settled in Westmoreland, N. Y. (9.) Diantha, m. Garwood Sanford, Esq., of Litchfield. (10.) Luther, m. Jennette Platt, of Watertown, Conn., and now lives in Seymour, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Bissell both d. in Litchfield.

194. CHAUNCEY, b. in Litchfield in 1772; removed to Charlotte, Vermont, in the year 1800. On the 30th of June, 1811, he was m. to Hannah C. Kenyon, daughter of Payne

* Mr. Henry Ward is the Editor of the "Litchfield Republican;" and the reputed author of the well known hymns, "I would not Live Alway," "Tell me ye winged Winds," &c.—though their authorship is attributed to others. His brother, William Ward, Jr., is also a writer of much merit, and was recently an alderman of the city of Columbus, Mississippi. Mrs. Mary Ward Grannis, also a member of this family, is a well known writer and author.

† A sister of Col. William H. Bissell, member of Congress from Illinois, and late Charge d'Affaires to Buenos Ayres.

Kenyon, of Moreau, Saratoga Co., N. Y., by the Rev. Lebbeus Armstrong. In 1813, he returned to his native town, and d. there, June 12, 1819, aged 47. The children of Chauncey and Hannah Kilbourn were—John, Payne Kenyon and Giles Chauncey. Mrs. Hannah Kilbourn married for her second husband, Deac. Nathaniel C. Bates, of Kent, (afterwards of Salisbury,) and had one daughter, Octavia Kenyon Bates, who m. Dr. J. E. Smith, of Kent, in 1853. Deac. Bates was killed by being thrown from a wagon, in Salisbury, Jan. 30, 1847. Mrs. Hannah K. Bates,* his widow, died in Salisbury, Feb. 26, 1848.

195. SABRA, d. Oct. 5, 1798; unmarried.

### 95. CAPT. JOHN.

196. JOHN, b. in Litchfield Co., Conn., and removed with his father to Adams, Berkshire Co. Mass.; in 1790, he m.

* As an act of filial duty and reverence for one who was sincerely loved while living, and deeply mourned in death, yet whose memory, in the ordinary course of events, must soon perish from the earth, I here give the conclusion of the sermon preached at her funeral, by the Rev. Adam Reid, D. D., of Salisbury, Sunday, Feb. 27, 1848:

* * * "Without pursuing this subject farther, let us turn for a few moments and mark its application to her whose obsequies we now attend, and whose death we now seek to improve. To her belonged, I doubt not, the glorious privileges of which I have been speaking. She was an humble-minded, devout, spiritual Christian: quiet, unassuming, unobtrusive, intelligent, and judicious—walking before her family and the world in all godliness, respected and beloved by all who knew her. And if an unwavering trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, and a spotless and useful life—a trust that remained unshaken up to the very last, and a life the excellence of which all can bear witness to—if these be any true signs of christian discipleship, then a true and undoubted disciple was she. And enjoying all the benefits and privileges of believers on earth, she is come now, I doubt not, 'to Mount Zion, and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to the innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the first-born, which are written in heaven,' and to all the exalted privileges of the upper sanctuary. And those whom she knew and loved here below, who died in the faith before her—her aged partner, who scarcely more than twelve months ago, was suddenly called to glory, and all her pious kindred and friends—she has met them again, and knows them, and renews her fellowship with them, and with them shall forever be with the Lord.

With such a hope she was animated in her last hours. From the very commencement of her sickness, she felt persuaded that death would be the result; but she looked forward to it with perfect composure, and said, 'It is just about a year since my husband was taken away, and I shall rejoin him in a day or two.' And her hope, I doubt not, is realized. She expressed a wish to be interred on the Sabbath—her wish is granted; and it is a fit day to be laid in

Hannah, daughter of Dr. Maeck, a German, who was one of the first settlers of that place. He had two children, Frederick and Marsha—neither of whom married. Mr. K. was a soldier of the Revolution; and at the "Vermont Alarm," Oct. 1780, was a private in the company commanded by his father; in July, 1781, he "marched up the Mohawk," with Captain Clarke's company, in the regiment commanded by Col. Barnabas Sears.

197. SAMUEL, d. in Adams, Mass. at the age of 21 years.

198. MARY ANN, m. Benjamin Brooks, in Adams, Mass., and settled in Vincennes, Indiana. Their children—Matilda, Anne, Mary, Betsey, Jesse, Samuel, Lysander, Electa, Sophia and Marsha.

199. JACOB, m. Catharine Knapp, in Adams, Mass., Oct. 20, 1796; removed to Plainfield, N. Y., where he remained for seven years and then settled in Brownville, Jefferson Co., N. Y. His children are—Joel, Alfred, Alpheus, Chauncey, Hannah and Lydia. He d. in Clayton, N. Y., May 17, 1851, aged 81; his widow still survives.

200. JAMES, b. in Adams, Mass., July 16, 1772; m. Mary Knapp, and resided in his native town until 1798, when he

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the rest of the quiet grave, type, as it is, of the everlasting day of rest which remains for the people of God.

She made a profession of her faith in Christ, for the first time, at Sandy Hill, N. Y., in the 18th year of her age, uniting with the Presbyterian church in that place, then under the pastoral care of the Rev. Lebbeus Armstrong. And she ever afterwards manifested a warm attachment to the cause of the Saviour; and in all respects, in faith and its fruits, in great good sense and in sterling moral worth, she was truly a mother in Israel. She and her late partner were persons of great moral eminence, and of whom we can sincerely and emphatically say, they were of the excellent of the earth. In her death, her family have lost a wise counsellor, this church a spiritual pillar, and society a true friend, who had access and prevalence at the mercy seat.

I will not seek to comfort her bereaved family and friends by any farther words. And I cannot give you a more excellent advice, than by exhorting you to imitate her faith, and walk in her footsteps. She has left you a legacy beyond silver and gold, beyond all price—the legacy of pious counsels and a pious example: and you cannot more truly respect her memory, or more truly honor the God whom she loved, or more truly consult your own best interests, than by following these counsels and copying that example. To that God and the abundance of His consolations, who knows how to heal the sorrows of the heart, I commend you all."

removed to Plainfield, Otsego Co., N. Y. In 1809, he left Plainfield, and settled in Clayton, Jefferson Co., N. Y., where he is still living. His children are—Sidney, Malinda, Mary, Henry, David, Samuel, Daniel, Clarissa, Evaline, James and John.

201. ABIGAIL, m. William Wright; she d. in Plainfield, N. Y., in May, 1805, leaving one daughter, Abigail.

202. MABEL, m. Solomon Smith, of Adams, Mass. She was recently living in Williamstown. Her children are—Clarissa, Anna, Charlotte and Giles.

203. GILES, b. in Adams, Mass., Nov. 6, 1777; m. Anna Moffatt, in Sept., 1800, who d. in July, 1801. Mr. K. was m. a second time, to Abigail Doane, March 28, 1803. They are now living in Plainfield, N. Y., where he has been an Overseer of the Poor, Commissioner of Highways, &c. His children are—John, Charles, Anne, James D., Giles, Abigail, Daniel J. and Francis S.

204. TRUMAN, b. in Adams, Mass.; m. Mary Collins, of Plainfield, N. Y., in 1801; and resided in the town last named until 1804, when he took up his residence in Brownville, Jefferson Co., and d. there, Sept. 6, 1831. His children—Anna, John, Collins, Mary, Frederick, Truman and Daniel.

100. ISAAC.

205. ABRAHAM, b. in Litchfield, Nov. 15, 1759; removed to Vermont in early life, where he m. Elizabeth Morranville, and had ten children, viz.,—David, Truman, Hiram, Amos Burden, Alvenus, Alphonzo, John Morranville, Mehetable, Martha and Martin. He d. in Poultney, Vermont, in 1806.

206. IRA, b. in Litchfield, Jan. 31, 1762; m. Thankful Benedict, of Norfolk, Conn.; settled in Orwell, Vermont, where he d. in 1796, aged 34. His children were—Ira, Marcus and James B.

207. ANTHONY, b. in Litchfield, March 17, 1764; he lived for a while in Castleton, Vt., and is said to have removed to Canada.

208. REBECCA, b. in Litchfield July, 27, 1767; m. Joseph Westover, of that town, Sept. 1787, and had four children, viz., (1.) Marsha, b. March, 25, 1789; m. James Gates, of Litchfield, and removed to the West. (2.) Ira, b. Jan. 3, 1790; in the war of 1812, he was an ensign, and being of an adventurous spirit, he became a Captain in the Texian service; and was one of the 400 men under Fanning and Ward, who were brutally shot at Goliad, after they had surrendered to the Mexicans as prisoners of war. (3.) Leman, b. July 31, 1791; settled in Sheldon, Wyoming Co., N. Y., where he d. leaving a family. (4.) Rebecca, b. 1793; d. young. Rebecca, wife of Joseph Westover, d. in 1795, and in Sept., 1796, he married her sister, Mehitable Kilborn. The children of Joseph and Mehitable Westover were—(5.) Dame, b. 1797; m. Stephen Cables. (6.) Wealthy, b. 1798; d. unmarried. (7.) Polly, b. 1801; m. Thomas Moore. (8.) Hepsibah, b. 1802; m. Capt. Orson Curtis. (9.) Lois, b. 1805; d. young. (10.) Mehetable, b. 1809; m. William Stevens. (11.) Amy, b. 1812; m. John W. Fish. (12.) Lucius, b. 1817; Colonel; m. Mary Wheeler, and removed West. Mrs. Mehitable Westover survived her husband, and d. in Litchfield, Jan. 1, 1852.

209. NANCY, b. in Litchfield, June 13, 1769; m. Capt. Philander Westover, of Litchfield.

210. HEPSIBAH, b. in Litchfield, May 8, 1771; m. Stephen Scott, of Bethlem.

211. MEHITABLE, b. in Litchfield, March 25, 1773. She became the second wife of Joseph Westover, and had eight children. [See above.]

212. ISAAC. b. in Litchfield; m. Miss Throop of South Farms, and removed to Canada many years since.

213. ASHUR, b. in Litchfield; went West, and has not since been heard from by his relatives in his native town.

214. AARON, b. in Litchfield; d. in Hudson, Ohio.

215. AMASA, b. in Litchfield; m. Miss Smith, of Bethlem, and is said to have d. there.*

216. EUNICE, b. in Litchfield; m. —— Roberts, of Norfolk.

217. LOIS, d. in Watertown, a few years since; unmarried.

218. HULDAH, b. in Litchfield; m. Charles Williams, Jan. 20, 1794. Their children, Sally, Charles K., Warren W., Mary, Maria, Lucy and George C. In Nov., 1841, Mr. Williams was found dead in a field in the west part of Litchfield.† His widow subsequently m. Ruel Plant, and d. in 1853.

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* The family of Isaac Kilborn affords a remarkable instance of the facility with which brothers and sisters were sometimes lost to each other, sixty or seventy years since. Of the *seven brothers* who lived to maturity, each went abroad independent of the others; so that in 1848, when I began to make enquiries concerning them, their surviving sisters who remained in Litchfield, knew not certainly the place of residence, or the fate of a single one of the number! A few only of the very meagre details above given, were obtained from them. They were not indifferent on the subject, but stated that they had long searched for them in vain.

† FROM THE LITCHFIELD ENQUIRER—Nov. 25, 1841.

"DISAPPEARANCE.—Three weeks ago to-night—it being uncommonly dark—Mr. *Charles Williams*, of Bradleyville, who had been at work during the day for a neighbor, started for his home; he stopped at another neighbor's, procured a wheelbarrow and a potato hook, and proceeded on his way. Not having reached home that night, or the succeeding day or night, his wife became alarmed for his safety, and roused her friends to search for him. A thorough search was made for three or four days, through the woods and bushes, and in Bantam river, and the water in three or four mill-dams in the neighborhood drawn off, but without success in finding him. Search was then measurably abandoned, many persons believing he had voluntarily gone off. Things remained in this way until Monday afternoon last—not a trace being discovered, when a person going across an open lot, half a mile from where his wheelbarrow was found, discovered his dead body. It is supposed that in the darkness of the night he lost his way, became bewildered, stumbled and struck his head against a stone, and was so stunned and otherwise disabled, that death ensued. He was about 60 years of age; and though a man of intemperate habits was perfectly sober the night that he was lost."

102. DAVID.

219. THERAL, b. in Litchfield, Oct. 19, 1767; m. Rebecca Waugh, and had three children, viz. (1.) Eliza L., m. David B. Johnson, Esq.,* of Cazenovia, N. Y., and has one son, David Minor Kilborn Johnson, Esq., a graduate of Hamilton College, and now a lawyer of Rome, N. Y., where she also resides. Her husband has been dead about fourteen years. (2.) Ezila R., m. Dr. Josiah B. Nolton, and resides in Batavia, N. Y. She has three children—Mary Rebecca, (m. Henry Gaylord, and lives in St. Louis,) Theron Kilborn, and Hiram Gay. (3.) A son who d. in childhood. Mr. Kilborn d. in Troy, N. Y., in Feb., 1806.

FROM THE TROY GAZETTE.

"DIED, in this village, on Sunday morning last, after a short but tedious illness, Mr. THERAL KILBORN, merchant tailor, aged 40. The deep sorrow which pervades the hearts of his friends and neighbors, and the grief which presses on his partner and family, can be known and felt only by those who are suddenly bereft of a valuable and worthy friend, and a most affectionate husband and father. The widow and the fatherless extort from us that pity which is due to such as have experienced an irretrievable loss in love, protection and interest. His value in religious and civil society, may be read in the sympathy and concern manifested by his friends and acquaintances."—[Copied into the "Litchfield Monitor" of Feb. 26, 1806.]

220. ORANGE, b. in Litchfield, Feb. 22, 1770; m. Rhoda, daughter of Benjamin Stone, and settled in his native town. He was Collector of Church Taxes in 1791, and was elected one of the Listers of the town in 1792, 1794, 1795 and 1801. He d. Feb. 29, 1812. Mrs. Rhoda Kilbourn, his widow, m. David Bellamy, Esq., of Bethlem, Dec. 10, 1821.† The children of Orange and Rhoda Kilbourn were Juhanna, Lyman, Marilla, Eliza, Mary and Lucius.

221. JAMES, b. in Litchfield, Sept. 18, 1771; m. Diantha, daughter of Nathaniel Smith, 2d, Dec. 2, 1795. He

* Mr. Johnson was a lawyer of high standing, was Master and Examiner in Chancery, and District Attorney for Madison County.

† Esq. Bellamy was a son of the celebrated Joseph Bellamy, D. D. He was for many years a Justice of the Peace, and was a Representative in the State Legislature at twenty-two sessions.

was a merchant at Bantam Falls, in his native town, in partnership with Col. Heber Stone, of Litchfield, and David Leavitt, Jr., of Bethlem, under the name and firm of "Kilborn & Co." He was Clerk of the West Episcopal Society, and a contractor for building the "West Church." He d. at Stillwater, N. Y., May 20, 1809. His widow for many years kept a Select School in the village of Litchfield, and d. there in 1848. (?) Their children were—(1.) Julia, d. young. (2.) Clarissa, m. George Bolles, of Litchfield, in 1821, and had five daughters, viz., Julia, Caroline, Martha, Emma and Susan; the family removed to Carroll county, Illinois, in 1847. (3.) Susan, m. George C. Bissell, of Litchfield, in 1826. (4.) James Elisha, b. 1803; he was m. and keeping a public house in Pittsburgh, Penn., in 1844. His present residence is unknown. (5.) Orrin S., d. in childhood. (6.) Julia Maria.

222. LEVI, b. in Litchfield, April 15, 1773; m. Anne Bradley, in 1794, and settled in his native town. He was a Grand Juror in 1801 and 1806; a Lister in 1800 and 1806; and Warden of St. Michael's Parish six years, from 1800 to 1815 inclusive. He d. April 13, 1850; his widow still survives. The children of Levi and Anne Kilborn are, (1.) Marina, unmarried. (2.) Maria, m. Walter Coe, of Litchfield. (3.) Mary Ann, m. Lucius Wilmot, of Litchfield.

223. REUBEN, b. in Litchfield, June 15, 1775; d. June 28, 1777.

224. DAVID, b. in Litchfield, May 19, 1777; m. Sally, daughter of Col. Heber Stone. He left his native town in Feb. 1801, and settled in Kitley, Canada West, where he remained for 12 years. In 1813, he removed to Camden, Oneida Co., N. Y., where he still resides. His children are —Drusilla, Heber, Betsey, Henry S., Levi and Lyman.

225. ELISHA, b. in Litchfield, March 16, 1779; m. Susan Umberfield; d. at Richmond, Va., June 28, 1801.

226. ANNA, b. in Litchfield, Sept. 24, 1780; d. July 6, 1782.

227. SALLY, b. in Litchfield, March 11, 1782; m. John Palmer, of Litchfield, Aug. 16, 1801. Mr. Palmer d. in Goshen, in 1853; Mrs. Palmer is still living in her native town. She has eight children, viz., (1.) Lucia, m. Russell Stone, and Elhanan Spooner. (2.) Edwin, b. in 1804; a prominent member of the Free Soil party, in Milwaukie, Wis.; Delegate to the National Convention, and member of the State Committee. (3.) Clarinda, b. 1806; m. Mr. Painter, of Terryville, Conn. (4.) Christopher C., (*J. P.*,) b. 1809; m. Lucy Stone, and resides in Litchfield. (5.) James Kilborn, b. 1811; d. unmarried. (6.) Cornelia, b. 1813; unmarried. (7.) Jerome, b. 1816; a lawyer and Judge in Ohio. (8.) Emily, m. Elhanan Spooner, (2d wife.) (8.) Orestes, (*J. P.*) of Goshen,

228. SAMUEL, Esq., b. in Litchfield, Nov. 27, 1783. He left his native town in the spring of 1803, and, after traveling for some time, made a stop at Lisle, Broome Co., N. Y., where he remained for about 11 years, and from thence removed to Ogden, in the county of Monroe, where he still resides. On the 10th of April, 1808, he was m. to Miss Maria Patterson, daughter of General John Patterson, of the latter place, a distinguished officer of the Revolution, formerly of Berkshire county, Mass. From 1815 to 1828, he was occasionally chosen Supervisor, besides holding other town offices; in 1823, he was elected a Justice of the Peace, which office he held for six years. His children are—Lucian, David, Sophia, Nancy, Maria, George, Ruth, John Patterson, Samuel and Diadema.

229. ANNA, b. in Litchfield, July 15, 1785; d. Oct. 22, 1787.

230. ELIZABETH, b. in Litchfield, Feb. 28, 1787; m. John McNiel. She d. in Stillwater, N. Y., Aug. 18, 1807—leaving one son, Charles.

231. NANCY, b. in Litchfield, March 18, 1789; m. Cyrus Page, of Salisbury, and removed to "Seneca

Lake," N. Y. Her children—Kilborn, Henry, Oscar, Louisa and Cornelia.

232. ERASTUS, b. in Litchfield, March 6, 1791; m. Lydia, daughter of Elihu Wetmore. He d. in Litchfield, Jan. 15, 1830, leaving three children, viz., Samuel, Orrin and Nancy. His widow is now the wife of William Dudley, of Litchfield.

103. JESSE.

233. LUCRETIA, b. in Litchfield; m. Benjamin Johnson, Feb. 1785, and had five children, viz., Dotha, Luther, Benjamin, Horace and Sally. Mrs. Lucretia Johnson d. in Litchfield, March 20, 1828.

234. JACOB, b. in Litchfield, Sept. 10, 1767; m. Lucy Bradley, and had four children, viz., Norman, Abigail, Truman and Sally. Besides being Lieutenant of Cavalry, Lister and Inspector, and Collector of Town and State Taxes, he was elected a Director of Common Schools for twelve years, and a member of the Board of Civil Authority of his native town, *twenty-seven years*—having first been chosen in 1789. He is still living in his native town.

235. HEMAN. b. in Litchfield; d. young.

236. ELIZABETH, b. in Litchfield; m. Capt. Philander Westover, Dec. 10, 1795, and had two children, viz., (1.) Truman, b. 1797; m. Sally Spencer, and had one son, George Henry. (2.) Maria, b. 1810; m. Lewis Hotchkiss, of Litchfield. Mrs. Elizabeth Westover d. Aug. 26, 1822. The second wife of Capt. Westover was Mercy Kilborn, daughter of Isaac Kilborn.

237. HEMAN, b. in Litchfield, Feb. 13, 1776; m. Sally, daughter of Stephen Baldwin, in 1798; removed to Shendaken, Ulster Co., N. Y., in Nov., 1803, and d. there, Sept. 28, 1827. He was Commissioner of Roads in 1824, and Assessor in 1825. His widow still survives. Their children are—William, Polly, Julia and Nathan.

238. HON. JESSE, b. in Litchfield, Aug. 8, 1778; m. Abigail Ward, of that town, and settled in Cazenovia, the capital of Madison county, N. Y., in 1806—the year the county was organized, and while the country was yet a comparative wilderness. Here he engaged in the mercantile business, and continued it through life with much success. The village, which is situated on the borders of a beautiful Indian lake called the *Owahgana*, was incorporated with a borough charter in 1810, and contains about 2500 inhabitants. In 1812, Mr. Kilborn was elected a member of the Board of Trustees or Municipal Council of the Borough, and was re-elected in 1815, 1817 and 1820. In 1821, he was commissioned as Postmaster of Cazenovia, by President Monroe, an office which he held for nineteen years, when he resigned. In the meantime he had frequently been chosen an Assessor of the Real and Personal Estate of the Town, and had long been a Director of the Madison County Bank. In 1829, Mr. Kilborn was elected President of the village of Cazenovia,* and in 1833, (during the anti-masonic excitement,) he was returned as one of the three Representatives from Madison County to the General Assembly of the State, his colleagues being the Hon. Messrs. Erastus Cleveland and John Davis.† In that body he was placed on the Standing Committee on the "Salt Manufacture," then and still a staple product of Central New York. In 1839, he was for the last time elected a member of the Borough Council.

* This year (1829.) the village officers were—Jesse Kilborn, *President;* W. J. Hough, *Clerk;* James Barthrong, Jacob Ten Eyck, Samuel Thomas, William Burton, *Trustees.* In 1820, the Board was constituted as follows: Col. Samuel Thomas, *President;* Charles Stebbins, *Clerk;* Jonathan Silsby, Jeremiah Allis, Jesse Kilborn and O. E. Baker, *Trustees.* Of these associates of Mr. Kilborn, Col. Thomas was also a native of Litchfield, and always his intimate friend; Mr. Ten Eyck was President of the Madison County Bank; Mr. Stebbins has since been President of the State Senate; and Mr. Hough was recently a member of Congress.

† The vote in the county stood as follows:—E. Cleveland, 3549; J. Kilborn, 3545; J. Davis, 3554. The unsuccessful candidates received the number of votes attached to their names, viz., B. W. Babcock, 3511; Asa Cady, 3520; Nathaniel Usher, 3493. The population of the county in 1833, was about 40,000.

Mrs. Abigail Kilborn, his wife, died in 1838; he died of a cancer, May 14, 1842. Their children were—(1.) Julia, who d. unmarried; (2.) Laura M., who m. the Rev. Nathaniel Porter, a distinguished preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who d. leaving one son; Mrs. Porter has since m. the Rev. Mr. Eddy, of Cazenovia, Presiding Elder of that District.

A few years since, a series of biographical sketches appeared in the Poughkeepsie "American," under the title of "*The Pioneers of Central New York*"—among which was an extended notice of Mr. Kilborn. "As early as 1806," says the writer, "Mr. Kilborn located himself in Cazenovia, while it was yet a wilderness, and continued to reside there through life. There was nothing particularly brilliant or striking in his career, and yet his history affords a gratifying illustration of the genius of our republican institutions, and of the rewards which follow diligence and integrity. As a merchant and man of business, he was noted for his probity, shrewdness and enterprise; as a citizen, he was public spirited and patriotic; as a politician, he became eminent for his sagacity, prudence and general intelligence; while as a parent, christian and gentleman, he was worthy of general imitation. Eschewing promotion himself, he was ever prompt and energetic in behalf of others whom he thought deserving and who aspired to places of honor. Possessed by this time of an ample fortune, and happy in his social and domestic circle, he had no ambition for what he deemed the "empty honors" of office. Distinguished for his cheerful hospitality, great good sense and acknowledged ability, his society was sought for and appreciated by the intelligent portion of the community in which he lived, and by many of the leading men of the State."

239. TRUMAN, Esq., b. in Litchfield, June 1, 1780; he left his native town in the year 1800, and spent the succeeding five years in New Berlin and Otsego, Otsego Co., N. Y., a part of which time was spent as clerk in a store and the

remainder in teaching school. In May, 1805, he established himself as a merchant at Burlington, Otsego Co., and continued in business in that place for more than thirty years. The political party with which he was connected, was always in a minority in the town and county in which he lived; yet he was frequently honored by his fellow-citizens with places of public trust. In 1807, he was chosen to the office of Town Clerk, and was re-elected during the following year; in 1813, he received from the Governor and Council the appointment of Justice of the Peace, and was subsequently re-appointed until he declined to act in that capacity. In 1818, and again in 1819, Mr. Kilborn was elected a member of the County Board of Supervisors; was chosen a Commissioner and Inspector of Common Schools for eight years in succession; from 1827 to 1837, he held the office of Postmaster; and in 1835, he was elected an Assessor of Real and Personal Estate. In 1826, Mr. Kilborn was nominated as one of the federal candidates for member of the Assembly, the county being entitled to three members. Such was the popularity of Mr. Kilborn that he ran far ahead of his colleagues on the ticket, who were Robert Campbell and William H. Averill, Esquires, of Cooperstown, both of them eminent lawyers.* In 1837, having acquired a competent estate, Mr. Kilborn purchased a farm near the city of Lockport, Niagara Co., on which he still continues to reside. It was his purpose on removing, to live as retired as possible, and he has consequently kept himself aloof from all active participation in the political contests which have since agitated the community. In 1839, he was chosen a member of the Board of Directors of the "Lockport Bank and Trust Company," and was annually re-elected for ten years, until he declined to serve. Mr. Kilborn married Miss Deborah Bishop Cushman, at Burlington, in 1805, and had six children, viz., Sarah Mattocks, Minerva, Truman Cushman, Don Volckert, Delia Harmony and Horatio.

* Kilborn received 2346 votes; Averill 1943.

240. SARAH, b. in Litchfield, in 1784; d. at the age of eight years.

241. POLLY, b. in Litchfield, April 17, 1786; m. Dr. Abel Hannahs, Feb. 22, 1807, who was a successful practitioner of Medicine for over forty years in Herkimer Co., N. Y. Mrs. Hannahs d. April 17, 1834. Dr. Hannahs subsequently m. Mrs. Mary Ann Wadsworth, of Litchfield—a daughter of Capt. Aaron Bradley, and mother of the Rev. Charles Wadsworth, pastor of the Arch street Church, Philadelphia. The children of Abel and Polly Hannahs were—(1.) Kilborn Hannahs, M. D., b. Aug. 15, 1808; m. Elizabeth Fuller, May 5, 1831; graduated at the Fairfield Medical College, N. Y., in 1831. He resides in Watertown, Jefferson Co., N. Y., of which flourishing village he is President. (1.) William H. Hannahs, b. Jan. 11, 1810; m. Eliza Carey, in 1832; engaged in the mercantile business; d. Dec. 12, 1841. He had three children, all deceased. (3.) Maryette Hannahs, b. Oct. 16, 1811; m. Rev. A. P. Allen, in 1831, and has had five children, viz., Lucius, Lucia, Horatio, Mary and Diantha. (4.) Lucius Hannahs, M. D., b. Sept. 26, 1813; m. Harriet Jarvis, in 1842. He is a graduate of Geneva Medical College, and resides in Theresa, Jefferson Co., N. Y. He has no children. (5.) Diantha, Hannahs, b. Feb. 19, 1815; m. Dr. C. A. Griffith, in 1837, and resides in Mohawk, Herkimer Co. They have one son —Arthur Griffith.

242. DIANTHA, b. in Litchfield, in 1788; m. Henry Ward, and resides in Penfield, Monroe Co., N. Y. Her children are—Edwin, Calista, Diantha and Henry.

# GENERATION VII.

1. SAMUEL.

CALVIN, b. August 18, 1758; d. (unmarried,) January 6, 1818.

2. LUTHER, b. Aug. 2, 1762; m. Mary Warriner, of Wilbraham, Mass., where they lived and died. Mrs. Kilborn d. Aug. 30, 1823; and Mr. Kilborn m. for his second wife Mrs. Eunice Morgan, of Wilbraham. Luther Kilborn d. Oct. 20, 1848. He had nine children, viz., Lois, Samuel, Sarah, Luther Kimberly, Chauncey, John, Mary, Eunice, George.

3. OLIVE, b. Feb. 17, 1766; m. James Warner, of Wilbraham, where she d. Sept. 14, 1841.

4. BELINDA, b. Nov. 8, 1768; m. Jesse Bliss, of Wilbraham, and d. March 21, 1846.

5. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 3, 1770; m. Nathan Ainsworth, of Wilbraham; removed to Herkimer county, N. Y., where she d. Feb. 28, 1840.

6. JONATHAN, b. April 7, 1775; m. Elizabeth Warriner, of Wilbraham, where he d. May 24, 1810.

5. CAPT. JOHN, OF WALPOLE, N. H.

7. THEODOCIA, b. May 10, 1763; d. Jan. 23, 1766.

8. JOHN, Esq., b. Aug. 30, 1765; m. Anna Ashley, of Shrewsbury, Vermont, where he settled. He was a Justice

of the Peace, Town Clerk, and Selectman, for about twenty years. He removed to Canton, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., in 1840, and d. there, Aug. 11, 1847, in the 83d year of his age. His children are—Charlotte, Samuel, Frances M., Josiah, Henry and Lucy.

9. THEODOCIA, (2d.) b. Dec. 23, 1768; m. Martin Ashley, of Shrewsbury, Vt., Aug. 15, 1787.

10. EZRA C., b. May 31, 1770; m. Sarah Clark, of Saybrook, Conn., and had a daughter, Esther. His second wife was Sarah Graves, whom he m. in 1807. He d. in Keene, N. H., in 1853.

11. ELIJAH, b. Sept. 30, 1772; m. Rebecca Jennison, in 1798, and had nine children, viz., Harriet, George, Josiah, Mary H., John J., Frederick, Elijah C., Rebecca, and William J. He d. in Walpole, 1847; she d. in 1849.

12. ELIZABETH, b. Feb. 3, 1776; m. Willard Colby, of Shrewsbury, Vt. They are both dead.

13. ESTHER, b. Oct. 12, 1778; m. Daniel Robinson, of Massena, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., Feb. 21, 1804.

6. CAPT. EBENEZER, GILSUM, N. H.

14. JEMIMA, the first white child born in the town of Gilsum. She became blind at the age of five years, and d. at the age of 71.

15. EBENEZER, m. Eunice White, of Gilsum, and settled in Alstead, N. H., but subsequently removed to Barnston, Stanstead Co, Canada East, and died there at the age of 51 years. He left three sons, viz., Josiah, Ebenezer and Otis—all of Barnston. He also had two daughters.*

* A correspondent at Stanstead, Canada, writes, "I have just seen the wife of Amos Fox, who is a daughter of Ebenezer Kilburn, of Barnston. She says her father and his brother Jehiel, removed there from New Hampshire about the year 1804. One of her brothers is a doctor." The same correspondent says—"There was a Daniel Webster (nephew of the Hon. Daniel Webster,) who married a Miss Kilborn, from Connecticut, and lived near us. He has removed, but I will try to find him."

16. JEHIEL, b. in Gilsum, N. H.; m. Zilpha Wright, of Keene, N. H., and removed to Barnston, C. E., where he was living at the last accounts.

17. IDDO, b. in Gilsum, N. H.; m. Abigail Lampson, of Ashburnham, Mass., and settled in Hartford, Vt., where he was living a few years ago. His sons are—Francis and Merrill.

18. LYDIA, m. Nathan Nye, of Randolph, Vermont, and had two daughters. She d. at the age of 69 years.

19. ABIGAIL, m. Daniel Day, of Keene, N. H., and had two sons and two daughters. She d. Nov. 30, 1835. Her husband has since deceased.

20. SARAH, m. Mr. Randall, and now resides in Keene, N. H. They have four sons and one daughter.

21. MARY, m. Rufus Day, of Peru, N. Y., and had four sons and one daughter. Her husband d. in 1838.

22. CLARISSA, m. Nathan Ellis, and resides in Plattsburgh, N. Y. They have three children.

23. REV. DAVID, b. in Gilsum, N. H., Oct. 22, 1784; m. Lovice Perkins, of Barnard, Vt., but has no children. In early manhood he was licensed as a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and became connected with the New England Conference in 1808. His first appointment was at Union River, Maine, at that time the most eastern circuit in the United States. He was thence transferred to Readfield (Me.,) in 1809, and to Danville (Vt.,) in 1810. He was by this time esteemed as one of the most faithful and powerful preachers of the denomination with which he was connected. In 1815, he was appointed Presiding Elder of the New Hampshire District; and he subsequently held the same appointment in the Portland District, the Springfield District, and in the Boston District. In the interval between these several appointments, he discharged the duties of the pastoral office with great acceptance and success, in

several of the largest towns and cities in New England—having been stationed in Portland, Lynn, Lowell, Boston and Providence. Besides being frequently a Delegate to the General Conference, and an officer of various benevolent associations, he was a member of the Board of Visitors of the Wesleyan University, from 1833 to 1836, and Vice President of the "American Sabbath Union," in 1845.* He has been Presiding Elder of different districts for a period of sixteen years.

7. JOEL.

24. JOSIAH, b. in Surry, N. H.; removed to Ohio many years since.

25. JOEL, b. in Surry, N. H.; m. Rebecca Wallace, and resides in Waterbury, Vt. Their children are—Corwin, Luke, Susan, Lucy and Ann Eliza.

26. LUCY, b. in Surry, N. H.; m. James Whitcomb, and had —Polly, Almon, Kilborn, Albert, Lucinda, Sheldon, Orlando, Wealthy, James and Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb are both deceased.

27. WEALTHY, m. Hiram Peck, and has five children, viz., Chauncey, Harper, Hiram, Hansel and Lucy.

28. IRA, b. in Surry, N. H., in 1786; m. Polly Whitton, Aug. 6, 1806. They had three sons and one daughter, viz., 1. Joel, of Vanceborough, Illinois; 2. Eli, deaf and dumb; lives with his father in Michigan; 3. George, of Brasher Falls, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.; 4. ——, (the daughter,) d. at the age of two years. Mrs. Kilborn d. June 18, 1850. Mr. Kilborn was a soldier in the war of 1812. He resided in Jericho, Vt., until 1814, and then settled in Massena, N. Y. In 1852, having received a "land warrant" for his services in defence of his country, he removed on to a tract of new land in Maple Grove, Michigan, where he now resides. He thus concludes his reply to my letter of inquiry—"I have a

* For a more full account of the life and services of Mr. Kilburn, the reader is referred to the second volume of the Rev. Abel Stevens' "Memorial of Methodism."

comfortable log-house, and ten acres of land cleared. But how you knew I lived here, is the greatest mystery of all. I never saw a person bearing the name of Kilborn, aside from my father's family."

29. SARAH, b. in Jericho, Vt.; m. John Cotton, and has five children, viz., Dudley, Kilburn, William, Sarah and John Charles.

30. LUCINDA, b. in Jericho, Vt.; m. Nehemiah Prouty, and removed to Burlington, Licking Co., Ohio.

9. JOHN, ESQ.

31. JOHN HENRY, b. April 8, 1797; m. at Bristol, Vt., to Rachel, daughter of Capt. Michael Dayfoot, of that place, July 12, 1822. He resided in Bristol until 1826, when he removed to Canada West, and there engaged in mercantile business. In 1842 he was elected a member of the Municipal Council for the District of Niagara; in the following year he received from the Executive Government of Canada West the appointment of Justice of the Peace. In 1844 he removed to Conneaut, Ohio, where he now resides.

32. ROWLEY, b. Sept. 28, 1800; m. at Clinton, C. W., to Keziah, daughter of Samuel Corwin, Jan. 19, 1825. He was commissioned as a Justice of the Peace in 1843—and is now a Presiding Magistrate for Niagara District, President of the Town Council, and member of the Municipal Council of the County.

33. HARMON, b. Sept. 2, 1802; m. Mary Corwin, and now lives on the homestead in Clinton, C. W.

34. ADOLPHUS, b. July 26, 1819; m. Mary Ann Stevens, of London, C. W., and now lives in Conneaut, Ohio.

35. CYRUS, b. Oct. 24, 1822.

13. SERGT. BENJAMIN.

36. WILLIAM, was residing at Terre Haute, Indiana, when last heard from, and is now supposed to be dead.

37. ELIZABETH, m. Mr. Hooke, of Blount county, Tennessee. Herself and husband are both dead.

38. HANNAH, m. Mr. Campbell, and settled in West Tennessee, where she died.

39. BENJAMIN, was living in Indiana a few years since.

40. MARY, m. three times. She d. in Missouri.

41. JAMES, d. at his father's house in Blount county, Tennessee.

42. NANCY, m. Andrew McHaffie, of Stilesville, Indiana.

43. JANE, m. John Gillespie, of Madisonville, Monroe county, Tennessee, where she is still living. All of her nine children still survive.*

44. SARAH, m. James Montgomery, and resides in Madison, Indiana.

### 14. JOHN.†

45. JOHN, b. in Rockingham county, Va., and d. at his father's residence, near Chillicothe, Ohio, leaving three sons, viz., (1.) *Robert*, who resided near "Hurricane Settlement," Wisconsin, but left for Oregon Territory in 1845. (2.) *James*, residing near Jamestown Wisconsin. (3.) *Adam*.

46. SAMUEL, resides two miles from Chillicothe, Ohio. His sons were—Samuel Wilson, Hugh Thompson, William Gunning, Henry Boyce and Erskine. A correspondent refers to him and his brother Benjamin as "men of wealth."

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* These items relating to the family of Sergt. Benjamin Kilbourn, were communicated to me by his grandson, Mr. W. P. Gillespie, in a letter dated "Madisonville, Tenn., Sept. 5, 1854."

† I have heard nothing in relation to this family of John Kilbourn since Sept., 1846, when the Hon. James Kilbourne, of Worthington, Ohio, visited Mr. Samuel Kilbourn at his residence near Chillicothe, and obtained for me the facts here embodied. Of this John Kilbourn (father of Samuel, and others,) Col. Kilbourne remarks—"On leaving Kentucky, he removed to Ohio, and settled seven miles from Chillicothe, on Main Paint Creek, where he cleared a farm, built a stone house, lived respected, and died lamented, in 1820." My letters to Chillicothe for later information remain unanswered.

47. BENJAMIN, settled in Jamestown, Grant Co., Wisconsin, in 1828, where he married in 1843. His wife and only child are dead.

48. GUSTAVUS, is a farmer, residing at the last accounts "eighteen miles south of Springfield, Illinois, on Sagamore river."

15. DEAC. GUSTAVUS.

49. ELIZABETH, m. Spencer Parsons, Esq., of Auburn, N. Y.

50. LUCRETIA, m. the Hon. Greene C. Bronson, LL. D., of New York city—late Attorney General, and Chief Justice of the State of New York, Collector of U. S. Customs, candidate for Governor, &c. They have a daughter and two sons. The eldest son, Henry, is a lawyer, in partnership with his father, and was recently cashier of the New York Custom House; the other son, Oliver, is a Presbyterian clergyman.

51. LUCY, d. at the age of nineteen years.

52. HARRIET, m. Rev. S. W. Brace, of Utica, N. Y.

53. ELIZA, m. Charles Pardee, Esq., of Skeneateles, N. Y.

54. GUSTAVUS A., of the house of Parmelee, Rogers & Kilburn, wholesale merchants in New York city—died in 1845.

24. JABEZ DAVIS, ESQ.

55. ELIZABETH, b. in Orange, N. J., Nov. 18, 1795; d. Dec. 5, 1795.

56. THOMAS DANIELS, b. in Orange, N. J., Oct. 9, 1796; m. Abby Condit, and has eight children, viz., Esther B., b. 1824; Isaac B., b. 1826; Hannah L., b. 1828; Margaretta D., b. 1831; Mary E., b. 1833; Ira C., b. 1836; Charles F., b. 1844; Clara C., b. 1848. Mr. Kilburn is still a resident of Orange, where he has been elected Overseer of Highways, and Commissioner of Appeals.

57. ISAAC BALDWIN, b. in Orange, N. J., Dec. 24, 1798; d. unmarried.

58. CHARLES LALLIET, b. in Orange, N. J., May 31, 1802; m. Elizabeth Barringer, May 30, 1828, and had five children, viz., Jabez D., b. 1829; John B., b. 1830—d. 1832; Mary F., b. 1832; d. 1833; Mary F., (2d,) b. 1835; John B., (2d,) b. 1837—d. 1837. Mr. Kilburn was a resident of Newark, N. J., and d. there, June 23, 1837.

59. MARY, (1st,) b. Sept. 20, 1806; d. Sept. 9, 1810.

60. MARY, (2d,) b. in Orange, N. J., June 14, 1812; d. Oct. 22, 1838.

26. CAPT. DANIEL, OF ORANGE, N. J.

61. SAMUEL DAVIS, b. at Hackensack, N. J., July 31, 1797; m. Esther Osborn, of Hanover, Morris Co., N. J., Oct. 3, 1821. He d. of consumption, April 14, 1838; Mrs. Kilburn d. of consumption, June 5, 1848. They had five children—Olivia, Mary Louisa, Daniel Lewis, Henry Clay and Julia. Mr. Kilburn was for several years Town Clerk of Orange, and Adjutant of the 1st battallion, 5th regiment, Essex Brigade of New Jersey militia.

62. JULIANA, b. in Orange, N. J. Nov. 6. 1799; m. Lewis Williams, June 7, 1821, and had three children—(1.) Margaret Amelia, who m. Dr. Albigences Waldo Kingsley, in 1845, and had—Lewis W., Margaret A. and Mary J. (2.) Moses Adolphus, who d. at the age of one year. (3.) Phebe Ann, who d. aged three years. Mrs. Juliana Williams d. Dec. 31, 1831.

63. ABBY BALDWIN, b. May 18, 1801; d. June 25, 1810.

64. EUNICE HARRISON, b. Nov. 8, 1803; d. (unmarried,) Nov. 30, 1829.

65. CAPT. GERSHOM, b. in Orange, N. J., Feb. 20, 1806; m. Harriet, daughter of William Williams, Esq., who d. July 21, 1833, leaving a daughter, Phebe Ann. In Feb.

1845, Mr. Kilburn was m. to Susan M. Crane, by whom he has one son, Samuel Waldo, now aged nine years. He was Captain of the same company that had previously been commanded by his farther; and was Postmaster at Orange during General Harrison's administration. He d. Jan. 28, 1849.

66. LYDIA LUCINDA, b. in Orange, N. J., July 13, 1808; m. Abraham Mandeville, Nov. 16, 1826. They have had five children—(1.) Lewis Adolphus, who d. aged one year. (2.) Sarah Elizabeth, who m. Charles Ward, May 8, 1851, and d. two months afterwards. (3.) Giles Preston, b. 1832. (4.) Phebe Amelia. (5.) Mary Kilburn.

67. DANIEL JOHNSON, b. in Orange, N. J., Dec. 5, 1810; m. Mary Dodd, June 14, 1832—and had two children, viz., Abraham M. and William Augustus. He has been Surveyor of Highways, and Judge of Elections. He is a hat manufacturer at Orange, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr. Mandeville.

68. OLIVER HAZARD PERRY, b. in Orange, N. J., Nov. 9, 1813; m. Helen Van Clief, of Bergen, N. J., July 28, 1836, and had seven children, viz., Mary Elizabeth, Gershom, Julian, Daniel Van Clief, Adelaide Victoria, Margaret Amelia and Laura. Mrs. Helen Kilburn d. Feb. 22, 1851. Mr. Kilburn has been Inspector and Sealer of Weights and Measures, Constable and Deputy Sheriff. He is a carpenter and builder.

69. MARY OLIVIA, b. in Orange, N. J., July 31, 1820; was educated at the Hartford (Conn.) Female Seminary, and became a teacher. She m. Samuel Condit Jones, in 1843, who is Secretary of the "Newark Lime and Cement Company," with a salary of $1500 per annum.

### 31. CAPT. JONATHAN.

70. MARY, b. in East Haddam, Conn., Sept. 10, 1767; m. Dr. Silas Dart, of Chatham. After his death, she m. Mr. Cook, of Middletown, Conn.

71. JONATHAN, b. in East Haddam, Jan. 28, 1769; m. Elizabeth Farnham, April 21, 1791, and settled in Clinton, Conn., where he d. Oct. 10, 1850. His children were—Abner, Leonard, Phinetta, Aaron, Jonathan and Betsey. Mrs. Elizabeth Kilborn d. March 11, 1828. Her Funeral Sermon, by the Rev. Peter Crocker, pastor of the First Church in Killingworth, was published by Treadway & Adams, of New Haven.

72. HANNAH, b. in East Haddam, Jan. 7, 1770

73. AARON, b. in East Haddam, Feb. 14, 1772; left his native town in early life, and resided for several years in Greenbush, N. Y., where he d., unmarried.

74. DEBORAH, b. in East Haddam; m. Edward Wheaton, of Providence, R. I.

75. SARAH, b. in East Haddam; m. Whiting Sweeting, of Providence, R. I.

32. DAVID, ESQ.

76. LYDIA, b. in Colchester, April 4, 1768; m. Daniel Bulkley, and is now living at 256 Henry street, New York, at the advanced age of 87 years. She has had four children, viz., (1.) Olmsted, for many years a merchant in Hartford; d. on the Island of Jamaica, in Dec. 1824, aged 36 years, leaving a wife and five children. (2.) Sophia, now resides with her mother in Henry street, New York. (3.) Lois, d. in Hartford, Conn., in June, 1814, aged 18 years. (4.) Hon. ICHABOD BULKLEY, of Ashford, Windham Co., Conn., d. in 1837, (at the age of 38,) while President of the Senate of the State of Connecticut. He was a lawyer of high standing, had often been elected Judge of the Probate Court, and was twice chosen a member of the State Senate. He left a wife and four children.

77. DAVID, b. in Colchester, June 25, 1770; m. Lydia Wells, March 30, 1793, and had seven children, viz., Lydia, Celinda, Sarah, David W., David W., (2d,) Mary and Edward.


PINKNEY SC. N.Y.

He settled in Marlboro', Conn., where he was the first Town Clerk, and the first Postmaster. He d. in Pittsfield, Mass., July 23, 1844, aged 74, where a handsome monument has been erected to his memory; Lydia, his widow, d. in Keokuk, Iowa, July 3, 1845.

78. SAMUEL ABEL, b. in Colchester, July 7, 1772; m. Sabra Jones, of that town, April 18, 1798, and settled in Liberty, Sullivan Co., N. Y., where he d. Aug. 19, 1855, aged 83: his wife d. Nov. 7, 1834. Their children were—Samuel W., George W., Laura M., Sophia L. and John R. His second wife was Mrs. Anna Hyde Adgate, a native of Bozrah, Conn.

79. ELIZABETH, b. in Colchester, Jan. 22, 1775; d. Aug. 6. 1784.

80. DIMMIS, b. in Colchester, May 26, 1777; m. Noah Wells, March 8, 1802. He d. in Liberty, N. Y., June 3, 1829; she d. in Peekskill, N. Y., Feb. 10, 1846. Their children were—(1.) Rev. Noah Hobart Wells, b. Aug. 8, 1804; graduated at Union College, and became a Presbyterian clergyman. He m. Laura Elizabeth Stewart, of Peekskill, N. Y., (Oct. 6, 1853,) at which place he is associated with his brother Albert, in the Peekskill Academy and Boarding School. (2.) Albert Wells, b. March 31, 1807; graduated at Rutger's College, N. J., and was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the State of New York—but is now the Principal of the "Peekskill Academy and Boarding School." He m. Emma Louisa, daughter of Aaron Hassert, Esq., of New Brunswick, N. J., April 16, 1834, and has had six children, viz., Augusta, Emma Louisa, Henry Albert, Julia Montgomery, Mary Frances and Harriet. (3.) Mary Elizabeth Wells, b. Jan. 7, 1811; m. the Rev. Hiram Bell, July 1, 1840, now pastor of the Congregational church in Killingworth, Conn., and has had five children, viz., Edward Wells, Margaret Ann, Mary Jane, (dead,) Sarah Elizabeth, (dead,) and Charles Hiram. Mr. Bell graduated at Williams

College; studied divinity at the East Windsor Theological Institute, and was for ten years pastor of the Congregational church in Marlborough, Conn. (4.) Francis Henry Wells, b. June 3, 1814; graduated at Rutger's College, and is a lawyer in San Francisco, California. (5.) Edward Wells, b. Dec. 4, 1818; graduated at Yale College, and is a lawyer in Peekskill, N. Y. He is a very popular whig, and has two or three times been elected District Attorney in a strong democratic district.

81. RALPH, b. in Colchester, Nov. 11, 1781; m. and settled in Nantucket, where he was a merchant. He d. in the latter place, in 1819, leaving one son and two daughters.

82. ELIZABETH, (2d,) b. in Colchester, Jan. 10, 1784; m. Solomon Wells, at Bristol, Ulster Co., N. Y., Dec. 7, 1815, and settled in Utica, N. Y. He. d. in Utica, April 17, 1853. They had two children, viz., Edward K. Wells, and Mary. The latter d. young.

83. MARY, b. in Colchester, Sept. 1, 1786; m. Stephen Austin. She d. in New York city, July 19, 1839.

### 33. HEZEKIAH.

84. JOHN, b. in Colchester. He was a Lister of his native town in 1803 and 1804. I believe he left no family.

85. JOSEPH, m. a daughter of Col. Whiting, and had two daughters, Nancy and Polly. His cousin, Judge Kilburn, of Pennsylvania, writes concerning him—"He got himself into some trouble during the war by trading with the British, and went to Nova Scotia, and never returned." He may have had other children born in Nova Scotia.

86. SARAH, b. in Colchester, Conn.; m. Amos Randall, of that town, March 27, 1776. Her children were—Amos, Sally, Nancy, Russell, Polly and Henrietta.

87. AMASA, b. in Colchester; settled in western New York. His descendants are now living in Penfield, Monroe Co., N. Y.*

34. ASA.

88. ELIPHAZ, b. in Colchester, in Nov., 1758; m. Polly Mackay, in Orange county, N. Y., in 1788; removed to Rensselaerville, Albany county, N. Y., in 1800, and d. there, June 20, 1841. He was a Revolutionary Pensioner. His children were—Asa, Theodocia, Mary and Mackay.

89. ARUNA, b. in Colchester; m. Sarah Stone, and settled in Fort Stanwix, N. Y., and lived in Rome and Floyd, in that State. His children—Aruna, Theodocia, Wentworth, Sarah, Mary, Rosetta and Eunice. Mr. Kilborn d. in Camden, N. Y.

90. CYRENUS, b. in Colchester; m. Lydia Bartlett, of Middletown, Conn.; in 1792, he was living in Bennington, Vermont. He removed to Camden, N. Y., and d. there. His children were—Israel H., Asa, George, Mary E., Hannah, Lydia, Adaline and John B.

91. JOHN, b. in Colchester; d. young.

92. WENTWORTH, b. in Colchester; d. young.

35. ELIJAH.

93. ELIJAH, b. in Colchester; left home at the age of sixteen, and went on board a privateer at the commencement of the Revolution, and was taken prisoner by the British. He was subsequently a soldier under General Greene, and fought at the battle of Guilford Court House. After the

* So writes his kinsman, Asa Kilborn, Esq., of Annsville, Oneida Co., N. Y. The late Judge Kilburn, of Pennsylvania, who knew him well when a young man, thus wrote concerning Amasa Kilborn: "I have not heard from him for several years past. He had quite a family, but I know none of their names. He was a large, tall man; and his wife also was tall. *Some of his daughters,* I am credibly informed, *are quite six feet high.*"

war he m. Elizabeth Dotson, in Ashe Co., North Carolina, where he lived for a few years, and then settled near Turkey Cove, Lee county, Virginia. He d. in the latter place, in 1823. He had three sons—Martin, George and James. His widow is still living at Turkey Cove, Va.*

94. ASA, b. in Colchester; d. young.

95. ELLIS, b. in Colchester; d. young.

96. SALLY, b. in Colchester; d. at the age of 20 years.

97. LUCY, b. in Colchester; d. at the age of 19 years.

98. ELLIS, (2d,) b. in Colchester; d. young.

99. HON. IRA, b. in Colchester, Oct. 29, 1772. His father designed him for a farmer, and he continued to work at home on the farm until near twenty years of age; when, having an ardent thirst for knowledge, he commenced preparing for College under the instruction of the Rev. Salmon Cone. In Sept. 1793, he entered the freshman class of Yale College; he, however, soon left that institution and became a member of Williams College. Here he continued to prosecute his studies with unusual success until he had entered upon the Junior year, and then returned to old Yale. In 1796, he went to Westerly, R. I., and was there engaged in teaching the Academy for about a year. In the following spring, he formed a co-partnership with Drs. Lee and Collings, and commenced the mercantile business under the name and firm of "Kilburn & Co." Not meeting with the success he had anticipated in this enterprise, after a trial of two years, he

* I learn from a descendant of this Mr. Elijah Kilbourn, that he left home in 1775, on account of some real or imaginary ill treatment on the part of his father, and was absent twenty years. He visited Colchester for the last time in 1797, having with him his wife and one son; and after his return to Virginia, his friends in Connecticut never again heard from him or his family, until 1853, when the author of this work, in the prosecution of his genealogical researches, found the children and grandchildren scattered over Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee. The information in regard to them was mainly communicated by Elijah C. Kilbourn, Esq., Postmaster at Pleasant, Claiborne Co., Tennessee, who is grandson of the Elijah Kilbourn referred to.

abandoned it and commenced the study of law with the late Hon. Coddington Billings, of his native county. After studying three years with Mr. Billings, and receiving his certificate to that effect, he entered the office of the late Judge Gilbert, of Hebron, in 1802. He designed to have presented himself for admission to the bar at the next Court, when unforeseen circumstances called him to Tioga county, Pennsylvania.

Having taken up his residence in Lawrenceville, in the State and county last named, he was married to Miss Sally Ross, on the 20th of June, 1803. He purchased an extensive and beautiful tract of land lying on both sides of the Tioga river, embracing the ground on which the village of Lawrenceville now stands, the whole amounting to about 1500 acres. Besides carrying on a very extensive business at farming, he erected mills of various kinds, and for many years kept them in constant operation. He was a man of strict integrity and extraordinary enterprise, and gave employment to a large number of persons of both sexes. At one period of his life he raised three thousand bushels of grain annually, besides keeping an hundred head of cattle and other stock in proportion.

In 1808, Mr. Kilburn was elected Commissioner of Tioga county; and on the 18th of September of the same year, he was commissioned as a Justice of the Peace. In 1812, he commanded a regiment of militia, having been commissioned as Colonel by Governor Snyder, Aug. 3d, 1811. On the 6th of Feb., 1812, he received the appointment of Postmaster at Lawrenceville; and was at the same time a U. S. Mail contractor. On the 13th day of July, of the year last named, (1812,) Mr. Kilburn was elected and commissioned as Associate Judge of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphan's Court and Court of Common Pleas, for the County of Tioga. This important station he continued to occupy for a period of nearly twenty-eight years. On retiring from the

bench in 1840, he was again appointed Justice of the Peace, and, during the succeeding four years, disposed of over eight hundred suits that were brought before him. He also, at different times, held the offices of Burgess and Treasurer of the borough, Assessor and Auditor of the town and county.

He died at his residence in Lawrenceville, in 1854, aged 82. In a letter to the author of this volume, written not long before his decease, he says—"I am now weak in body, yet buoyant in spirit, and would gladly run my race over again to correct some errors. But this is impossible. My infirmities and advanced age admonish me that I am bound to 'that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.' We are all marching on the lead of time; the old must soon depart, and the young in succession follow."

The children of Judge Kilburn are—Wells, Harriet R., Ralph Lee, Eliza Ann, Adaline and Charles Lawrence.

100. CAPT. AMASA, b. in Colchester; settled in the present town of China, Wyoming Co., N. Y., when that region was a vast forest. He was a Captain in the last war between the United States and Great Britain, and fell in command at the battle of Black Rock. His wife was Hannah Chipman, of Vermont.*

101. CLARISSA, b. in Colchester; m. Elihu Marvin, of Hebron, Conn., and removed to Tioga Co., Penn., where he d. leaving three sons and one daughter, viz., (1.) Ira, settled in Tolland, Conn.; (2.) Harvey, d. in Saybrook, Conn.; (3.) Elihu, lived in Massachusetts, when last heard from. (4.) Lucinda, m. and settled in Tolland, Conn. Mrs. Marvin m.

* Turner, in his "Hist. of the Holland Purchase of Western New York," (pp. 541, 542.) says—"The pioneers of that region [Wyoming Co., N. Y.,] were Abraham Jackson and his sons, Capt. Amasa Kilbourn, Alfred Kilbourn, John Johnson, Samuel Nichols, Abner Bamp and his sons, and Silas Meach; these, with Moses Smith, comprised all the settlers of the town of China, previous to 1812." * * "When the wife of one of the pioneers died, (Mrs. Kilbourn,) *her coffin was constructed of hewed plank.*" * * "The early pioneer, Captain Kilbourn, was killed at the capture and burning of Buffalo." A correspondent says—"Maj. Mallory commanded the battalion, but proved himself a coward, by taking refuge behind a rock. Capt. Kilbourn then took command, but was slain and his men dispersed."

for her second husband, Daniel Lamb, Esq., of Tioga Co., Penn., and had one daughter.

102. MARY, b. in Colchester; m. a Mr. Dennis, and settled in China, N. Y. She has no children.

103. LYDIA, b. in Colchester; m. a Mr. Kelsey, in Tioga, Penn.; she now lives with her sister Mary, in China, N. Y. She has no children.

104. ALFRED, b. in Colchester; settled in China, N. Y. He was a Lieutenant in the American service during the last war with Great Britain, and was a brave officer and popular citizen. A correspondent writes concerning him—"He resigned his commission in the army, upon being appointed a Justice of the Peace. He was much talked of as a candidate for Representative to the General Assembly, and seemed on the sure road to preferment, when he was suddenly struck down by the great Destroyer, at the early age of twenty-five years."

105. RALPH, M. D., b. in Colchester; settled in Tioga county, Penn., where he was long an extensive practitioner of medicine. In 1840, he retired from practice with a handsome property, and went to reside with his sisters in China, N. Y., where he died (a bachelor,) January 22, 1853.

### 47. JOSEPH.

106. AUSTIN, b. in Glastenbury, January 25, 1794; in March, 1815, he accepted a clerkship in the Phœnix Bank, Hartford, in which institution he remained, as junior clerk, discount clerk, and first teller, for some six years. At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Phœnix Branch Bank in Litchfield, in Sept., 1821, Mr. Kilbourn was elected Cashier of that Bank—the late Hon. Benjamin Tallmadge being President. He continued in this office until September, 1826, when he returned to Hartford, and soon after commenced business as a hardware merchant in that city, which he continued for more than twenty years. While

a resident of Litchfield, he became a member of the celebrated Law School in that place, and attended the prescribed course of lectures of that institution, which was then in the zenith of its prosperity. On his return to Hartford, Mr. Kilbourn, among other subjects of importance, devoted much time to investigating the science of agriculture; was for ten years Secretary of the Hartford County Agricultural Society; and in 1814, compiled and published a valuable "Treatise" on his favorite study. In July, 1847, he was commissioned by Governor Bissell as a Notary Public, and was subsequently re-appointed. On the death of his venerable father, in 1851, Mr. Kilbourn took up his abode in the home of his ancestors,* in Glastenbury, on the east bank of the Connecticut river, six miles below the city of Hartford, where he now lives in "single blessedness."

107. SARAH, b. in Glastenbury, Jan. 23, 1796; m. Samuel Whiting, Esq.,† of West Hartford, Nov. 6, 1816. Her children are—(1.) Gurdon Salstonstall, the partner and successor of his uncle, Ogden Kilbourn, Esq., in the hardware business in Hartford. (2.) Elizabeth Welles, graduated at the Hartford Female Seminary, and m. Henry Talcott, Esq, of West Hartford. (3.) Jason Haynes, died young. (4.) Hannah Sophia, d. young. (5.) Austin. (6.) Cornelia. (7.) Samuel. (8.) George, d. young. (9.) George, (2d).

108. OGDEN, b. in Glastenbury, June 7, 1798; m. Elizabeth St. Agnes Howland Bates, daughter of Phineas Robinson Bates, Esq., and niece of the Hon. Isaac C. Bates, late United States Senator from Massachusetts. For more than thirty years, he was a hardware merchant and importer, in Main street, Hartford. A few years before retiring from bus-

* The homestead now owned and occupied by Austin Kilbourn, Esq., in Glastenbury, has been in the possession of his branch of the family, in uninterrupted succession, for more than 200 years.—*See Rev. Dr. Chapin's Hist. of Glastenbury.*

† Mr. Whiting is a lineal descendant of Col. Nathan Whiting, a commander in the French and Indian wars, whose wife was a daughter of his excellency Governor Saltonstall, of New London, Conn.

* Sophia

iness, he took into partnership his nephew, Gurdon Saltonstall Whiting, to whom he finally disposed of his interest in the establishment. In 1855, Mr. Kilbourn spent several months in various parts of Great Britain and the Continent of Europe, visiting, among other interesting localities, the manufacturing districts of Sheffield, Birmingham, Manchester, &c., with many of the principal capitalists of which places he had long done business, and with some of whom he had a personal acquaintance. The author of this volume had the pleasure of accompanying him to many places and objects in the old world which must ever possess a peculiar interest to all who bear the name and inherit the blood of the Kilbourns.

109. ELIZA, b. in Glastenbury, Oct. 28, 1803; the following epitaph is copied from the stone erected to her memory in the graveyard of her native town. "Eliza Kilbourn, daughter of Joseph Kilbourn, Esq., died December 10, 1854, aged 51 years, 1 mo., 12 days. She graduated at the Litchfield Female Academy, and subsequently became a member of the First Congregational church in Glastenbury, and died in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ."

"Underneath this stone doth lie
As much virtue as could die;
Which when alive did vigor give
To as much beauty as could live."

110. HORACE, b. in Glastenbury, Nov. 11, 1809; became a farmer, and resides on the paternal homestead in his native town; unmarried.

### 48. CAPT. SAMUEL.

111. SARAH, b. in Hartford; m. Spencer Whiting, Esq., of Hartford, and had several children—one or two of whom d. in infancy. Her oldest son, (1.) Samuel, is now living in California. (2.) Mary, m. Daniel P. Hopkins, and had three children—Gustavus, Harriet and Mary; Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins are both dead. (3.) Harriet, m. Rev. Mr. Ely; they are both

deceased, leaving several children. (4.) Sarah, now living with her mother in Hartford, (unmarried). (5.) Maria, m. a Mr. Lattimer, and has one child. (6.) Dr. Spencer d. some years since, (unmarried). (7.) George, lost by the burning of a steamboat on the Mississippi. (8.) William H., d. in New Orleans, (unmarried).

112. SAMUEL, b. in Hartford, in 1773; d. Nov. 25, 1789.

113. JERUSHA, b. in Hartford; m. Henry Hall, merchant, of Dedham, Mass., in 1803; she d. in 1805, leaving a daughter, Jerusha, who m. William Hudson, of Hartford.

114. WILLIAM, b. in Hartford, in 1779; became a merchant in his native town, and d. (unmarried,) March 28, 1837, aged 58.

115. HON. HENRY, b. in Hartford, in 1782; m. Elizabeth, daughter of Maj. Elisha Babcock, (editor of the "American Mercury,") in 1814, and became a merchant and importer in his native city, where he still resides. He has three children, viz., Emeline B., Henry S. and James E. In October, 1818, he was elected a Representative from Hartford to the State Legislature, his colleague being the Hon. John Russ, afterwards a member of Congress. This was the last session of the Assembly under the Charter of King Charles II. Upon the organization of the Ætna Insurance Company, in 1819, Mr. Kilbourn was chosen a member of the Board of Directors, and was annually re-elected for twenty-two years. During this period the Company did a far more extensive business than any other similar corporation in the United States. From 1821 to 1830 inclusive, he was almost constantly a member of the Common Council of the city; in 1825, and again in 1827, he was re-elected a member of the House of Representatives—his colleague from Hartford at each of these sessions being the Hon. Thomas S. Williams, since Chief Justice of the State. In 1832, he was appointed by the Legislature, Chairman of the Board of State Prison Directors. During the same year and the year following, he

was an active member of the National Republican State Committee; and subsequently, upon the re-organization of parties, he was a member of the Whig State Committee. In 1835, the Representatives from Hartford were William W. Ellsworth, (since Governor,) and Henry Kilbourn: and during the following year, the Whig State Convention placed the name of Mr. Kilbourn at the head of the Harrison Electoral Ticket. In 1838, he was elected Comptroller of the State, and was annually re-elected until 1842, when the democratic party came into power. In 1844, he was once more chosen a member of the City Council; and during the administration of Presidents Taylor and Fillmore (from 1849 to 1853,) he held the office of Inspector of the U. S. Customs for the Port of Hartford. In addition to the places of public trust already named, he was chosen or appointed to the following offices, some of which he held for several successive years, viz., Justice of the Peace, City Assessor, Director of the Hartford Marine Insurance Company, Trustee of the Hartford Savings Society, Director and State Commissioner of the Connecticut river Navigation Company, Director of the Retreat for the Insane, Director of the Hartford Bank, State Commissioner of the Hartford Bridge Company, &c. His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Kilbourn, d. in Hartford, March 6, 1848, aged 62.

116. MARIA, b. in Hartford; d. in her native town, of the spotted fever, at the age 18 years.

49. JOHN.*

117. JOHN, b. in East Hartford; was a paper-manufacturer in his native town. He d. leaving no descendants.

50. STEPHEN

118. SAMUEL, b. in East Hartford; m. Abigail Bowers, and had a large family. He removed to Baltimore, Md.,

* This John Kilbourn "died some forty years since in Hartford."—[MS. letter from Hon. Henry Kilbourn.]

where he d. July 8, 1839; his widow d. in the same place, on the 26th of the same month. Several of his children now reside in Baltimore and vicinity.

119. STEPHEN, b. in East Hartford.

120. MERCY, b. in East Hartford; d. there about the year 1825, unmarried.

121. PEGGY, b. in East Hartford: she is still living in her native town—single.

53. FREEMAN.*

122. FREEMAN, Jr., m. Miss Eliza Sloane, of Hartford, April 9, 1826. His will is dated June 3, 1831; he d. soon after, leaving no children. The amount of his inventory was $16,215. Eliza, his widow, m. Henry Shepard, merchant of Hartford, in Feb., 1833.

123. DANIEL, b. in Hartford; d. at his father's house many years since—unmarried.

124. HEZEKIAH, b. in Hartford; d. suddenly, in New York, in 1840—single.

125. ABIGAIL, m. Samuel Ledlie, of Hartford; both d. without children.

126. ANNA, m. Maj. John H. Frink, merchant, of New London, Conn., and d. at Cheraw, S. C., July 26, 1824, leaving several children, most of whom are married, and are much respected.

127. HEPSIBAH, m. Samuel Curtis, and had two children, viz., Samuel, who d. in Cuba, at the age of 18 years; and Mary, who m. Mr. Bean, and is now living, with her husband, in New York. After the death of Mr. Curtis, the widow m. Mr. Goodenough, of Montreal, where she now lives.

* The wife of Freeman Kilbourn, (Sen.,) d. in Hartford, Aug. 20, 1818. His second wife was Mrs. Lois Loomis Hurlburt, to whom he was married, Nov. 16, 1820.

54. THOMAS.

128. JAMES, b. in East Hartford, Jan. 20, 1752; m. Elizabeth Wells, daughter of John Wells, June 6, 1776, and had eight children, viz., James J., Elizabeth, Hannah, Thomas, William, Rhoda, George and Harriet. He d. in Hartford, Aug. 6, 1805, aged 53; Elizabeth, his widow, was b. Nov. 8, 1753, and d. in Windsor, Dec. 4, 1849, aged 96.

129. MARY, b. in East Hartford, July 24, 1753.

130. NOAH, b. in East Hartford, March, 18, 1755; became a resident of Chatham. As he was "*supposed to be dead,*" his estate was settled in 1781; his inventory bears date, March 28, of that year. His brother, James Kilbourn, was administrator. He was unmarried.

131. ESTHER, b. in East Hartford, Feb. 8, 1757.

132. ASHBEL, b. in E. Hartford, April 17, 1759; m. Miss Evans, and settled in East Windsor. His children were—Ashbel, Harry, Noah, Lovinia, Alfred, Levina, Esther, Nathan, Lawrence and Mary. Mr. Kilbourn was a soldier of the Revolution, in Col. Webb's regiment, and suffered much in the cause of his country. The name of his second wife was Porter.

MEMORIAL OF ASHBEL KILBOURN.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CONNECTICUT,
MAY SESSION, 1779.

"Upon the Memorial of *Ashbel Kilbourn*, of East Windsor, showing to this Assembly that he was taken prisoner by the British troops, in December, 1777, and was by them imprisoned in Philadelphia, where he was froze almost to death, and was then obliged to advance and pay £37 10 0, to a waggoner to transport him from Philadelphia to Hartford; and after his return home, was obliged to put himself under the care of Dr. Tudor until his bill hath arisen to £57 10 0, praying for relief, as per Petition on file.

"*Resolved by this Assembly*, That the Committee of Pay Table adjust and liquidate the accounts of the memorialist, for his sickness, &c., and draw an order on the Treasurer of this State, for such sums as they shall find due."

The "American Archives," published by order of Congress, in 1848, thus refers to his case: "Mr. Kilbourn was disabled while a prisoner in

Philadelphia, his feet being frozen, his toes dropped off, and for want of proper care he was totally disabled. Congress granted him a monthly allowance of $3 33, and arrearages to the amount of $150."

59. RUSSELL.

133. ANNA, b. in East Hartford, Jan. 24, 1767; m. Warren Williams, of Madison, N. Y. She d. July, 20, 1833, leaving no children.

134. CAPT. RUSSELL, b. in East Hartford, May 26, 1769; m. Eunice Pitkin, a grand-daughter of Gov. Pitkin, in Nov., 1806, and settled in Baltimore, Md. He was in early manhood a sea captain, but became a wealthy merchant. He d. suddenly, in the city of Baltimore, Feb. 16, 1823; Eunice, his widow, d. in Delaware, Ohio, in April, 1851. She was "a life member of the American Bible Society." Their children were—(1.) *Alexander Kilbourn*, b. 1809; m. Sarah M. Moody, of Jefferson, N. Y., and settled as a merchant in Delaware, Ohio, where he died, in Nov., 1851, leaving no children. (2.) Eunice, b. 1817; m. Rutherford Moody, of the State of New York, and now lives in Ohio; she has three or four children.

135. THOMAS, b. in East Hartford, April 27, 1771; removed to Sangerfield, N. Y., and thence to Paris, N. Y., where he m. Mary Ballard, of New Hartford, in the same State, in 1806. He d. Jan. 8, 1837. He had seven children, viz., (1.) Emily, b. in 1807; m. the Rev. Edward Cope, at Paris, N. Y., who is now a missionary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. (2.) Sophia, b. 1809; m. Almond Russell Eastman, of Paris, N. Y., in 1838, and is now living in Kingsville, Ohio. (3.) Russell, b. in 1811; m. Charlotte M. Norton, of Clinton, N. Y., in 1840; now resides in Marshall, N. Y. (4.) Amelia, d. in Paris, N. Y., in 1830. (5.) Cornelia, m. Rev. John Tompkins, of Marcellus, N. Y. (6.) Eliza. (7.) Maria, m. Mr. Eastman, of Rochester, N. Y.*

* There was a Thomas Kilbourn commissioned as Lieutenant of artillery in the 19th regiment, Connecticut militia, in May, 1806.

136. MARY, b. in East Hartford, April 26, 1773; m. E. Kimball, of Lebanon, Conn.; d. Oct. 15, 1834.

137. NATHANIEL, b. in East Hartford, June 27, 1775; d. Oct. 9, 1776.

138. NATHANIEL, (2d,) b. in East Hartford, Sept. 14, 1777; d. at Curracoa, West Indies, Feb. 9, 1795,

139. JEREMIAH, b. in East Hartford, May 10, 1780; m. Jerusha Spencer,* in 1807, and settled in his native town, where he d. Oct. 19, 1850, aged 70. His children were—(1.) Mary S., b. Jan. 19, 1809. (2.) Jeremiah, b. March 7, 1811; d. April 20, 1811. (3.) Delia, b. July 5, 1812. (4.) George, b. April 20, 1815; d. Dec. 21, 1815. (5.) George Spencer, b. March 13, 1819; d. Feb. 26, 1831. Mr. Kilbourn was a Grand Juror of East Hartford in 1821, 1824, and 1838. He lived (and his family still remain) on the farm which was laid out to his ancestor, Serg't. Thomas Kilbourn, in 1677.

140. SUSAN, b. in East Hartford, March 31, 1782; d. April 24, 1831: unmarried.

141. CLARISSA, b. in East Hartford, Feb. 1785; d. August 1, 1826; unmarried.

142. EMILY, b. in East Hartford, March 10, 1787; m. Luke Kiersted, of Baltimore, Md., in Aug., 1807, and d. Nov. 26, 1817. Her children—Jane, Luke, James and Emily. The daughters removed to Norfolk, Virginia, with their father.

143. HEZEKIAH, b. in East Hartford, Oct. 27, 1790; m. Ruhamah Hayes, of Granville, Ohio, where he d. Nov. 22, 1841. He had four children, viz., (1.) Parsons Hayes, b. at Delaware, Ohio, Jan. 8, 1821; d. at the age of twelve years. (2.) Mary R., m. Dr. Frederick S. Thorpe, of Cin-

* Mrs. Jerusha Spencer Kilbourn is a lineal descendant of Peregrine White, the first child born of English parents in New England.

cinnati, Ohio, in 1841. Her children are—Frederick Kilbourne, Mary L. and Stanley S. (3.) Levi Hezekiah, b. in Delaware, Ohio, April 8, 1825; entered Kenyon College, in 1842, but did not graduate. An inherent fondness for adventure resulted in the devotion of several years of his youth to traveling, and one year of camp duty as a volunteer in the 4th Ohio regiment, stationed on the Rio Grande and at Puebla during the war with Mexico. On the 25th of April, 1850, he m. Louisa M. Sloane, of Sandusky City, Ohio, where he is engaged as a crockery merchant.* Mr. Kilbourn (the father,) was thoroughly educated for the mercantile profession under the watchful eye of his elder brother, Capt. Russell Kilbourn, of Baltimore, in whose employ he grew up to manhood, during which period he sailed, as supercargo, on several voyages to various parts of the world.

FROM THE CINCINNATI CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

"DIED—At his residence in Granville, Ohio, Nov. 22, 1841, HEZEKIAH KILBOURN, Esq. He was born in East Hartford, Conn., Oct.

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* FROM THE SANDUSKY (OHIO) WEEKLY MIRROR—DEC. 20, 1854.

We were yesterday favored with a view of the new building abont to be erected by our enterprising fellow townsman, L. H. KILBOURNE, Esq. Mr. K. fully explained to us his proposed interior arrangements, from basement to attic. The basement will be fitted up as a first class restaurant, consisting of a large reading room, a restaurant and office, a dining room about fifty by thirty-two feet, and a kitchen with ranges having capacity to cook for five hundred persons. The dining room will accommodate three hundred seats, and afford standing room at the tables for about five hundred. Above the basement will be the store. This will be one large room without break or offset, one hundred feet in length, by twenty-five in breadth. It is to have galleries on either side, for the exhibition and sale of the more costly articles connected with his business. Over the store there is to be a Concert Hall, forty-eight by one hundred feet, and connected with it, are two dressing rooms for ladies and gentlemen, together with a property room for the storage of baggage, or other property of performers. This Hall will combine every valuable improvement of the best Concert Halls in the Eastern cities. Mr. KILBOURNE is sparing no pains to acquire information on this subject, and will stop at no expense to make it as near perfect as can be. From this Hall there will be a spacious, private stairway, leading down to the dining room in the basement. Above this Hall are to be two other stories, fitted up for society meetings. The whole structure will not only be a substantial one; but also an ornament to our city. The elevation will be some five feet higher than Mr. West's new building on the corner of Water street and Columbus Avenue. Mr. KILBOURNE says he is determined to have it completed and ready for occupancy by the first of next September.

27, 1790. Having in early life received an education every way competent to qualify its possessor to occupy a high position in mercantile life, for which he was in after years so eminently and extensively known, at the age of sixteen, he commenced his business career as clerk in a large eastern establishment. Very soon he obtained a high character in his profession, as a young man of accuracy, promptitude and fidelity. His great and growing reputation prepared him for another and most important department of life. At this period, he engaged to fill an important office of trust in a foreign land; and through storm and peril, the providence of God conducted him safely to his destined haven. In Rio de Janeiro, whither the duties of his station called him, ten of his prime and better years were spent. On his return to the United States in 1816, he settled in Delaware, Ohio, and for six years, with his usual ardor and integrity as a merchant and a citizen, won to himself a large share of public patronage and esteem. In 1822, he closed his business at Delaware, and the next two years were spent in Canandaigua, N. Y., after which he removed to Granville, from which place he never more removed until carried to the tomb. On Sunday, November 21st, he arose as well as usual, and was in his seat at church. At 10, P. M., while seated in his chair, he was struck with a paralysis—his left side became numb and apparently lifeless. Medical aid was procured, but to no use. When God calls, man must obey. By five o'clock on the followiug morning he quietly fell asleep, to wake no more until the morning of the resurrection."

### 67. SAMUEL SHAILOR.

144. CLARK, b. in Buckland, Mass., March 29, 1807; m. Catharine Lanphere, March 25, 1821, and has four children, viz., Adbia A., William H., Dewitt E., and Betsey. He is a resident of Annsville, Oneida Co., N. Y. He was recently a Deputy Sheriff, and has held other respectable offices.

145. MARY ANN, b. in Buckland, Mass., May 20, 1810; m. Mr. Leavitt, and has two sons, Charles M., of California, and Marshall, of Summit, Wisconsin.

146. SAMUEL L., b. in Buckland, Mass., Sept. 1, 1813; m. Mary Bartholomew, June 20, 1836; settled in Harlem, Illinois. He has two daughters, Ann and Sarah.

76. TIMOTHY.

147. SAMUEL, m. in Simsbury; lived there a few years, and then removed West.

148. TIMOTHY, lived and d. in Simsbury. He m., and had three or four children.

149. ANSON, b. in Simsbury, in 1792; d. in Farmington, in Feb., 1834, aged 42; unmarried.

77. SETH.

150. ELISHA, b. in New Britain.

151. PRUDENCE, b. in New Britain.

152. SETH, Jr., b. in New Britain; resided there, and in Newington. He and his wife both d. in the latter place. His children are—(1.) Ann Maria, m. Elizur Deming, of Newington. (2.) John, b. March 31, 1823; lives in Southington, Conn. (3.) Henry, proprietor of a hotel in Bristol, Conn. (4.) Martha, unmarried. (5.) Walter L., became a member of the "Brother's Mining Association," in May, 1849, and during that month sailed from New Haven for California in the bark, "J. Walls, Jr." Martha, wife of Seth Kilbourn, Jr., d. Dec. 3, 1831, aged 30 years.

79. SIMON.

153. ABIGAIL, b. in Newington, Feb. 9, 1788; m. Henry Francis, of that place, Nov. 20, 1828.

154. NANCY, b. in Newington, March 21, 1790; m. Thomas Drinkwater, of Cuylerville, Livingston Co., N. Y., Oct. 17, 1810.

155. SABRA, b. in Newington, June 25, 1792; unmarried.

156. SARAH, b. in Newington, August 14, 1794; was m. by Rev. Joab Brace, to Anson Whaples, of Newington, Oct. 14, 1818.

157. ELIZABETH, b. in Newington, Sept. 25, 1796; m. Samuel Dix, of Wethersfield, Aug. 27, 1826.

158. HENRY, b. in Newington, June 15, 1799; was m. by Rev. Joab Brace, March 7, 1826, to Huldah Sedgwick, who d. July 17, 1835, leaving four children, viz., Harriet Eliza, Henry Sedgwick, Abigail Jane and Timothy Woodford. His second wife was Emeline Wadsworth, of Avon, by whom he has four children, viz., Almira Day, Emeline Elizabeth, Samuel Hart and Marcus Lamb. Mr. Kilbourn is Postmaster at Newington, and a U. S. Mail Contractor. He resides on land which has been in the Kilbourn family for about two hundred years in uninterrupted succession.

159. ERASTUS, b. in Newington, Aug. 11, 1801; m. Almira Riggs, in 1827, and has eight children, viz., Mary, Horace, Lorette, Erastus, Chauncey Mason, Nancy, John and Newton. Mr. Kilbourn has been a member of the Board of Civil Authority of Wethersfield, and Postmaster at Newington, in which latter office he was succeeded by his brother Henry, in 1849.

160. HORACE, b. in Newington, Dec. 29, 1803; was killed by the kick of a horse, which produced lockjaw, June 25, 1819.

161. MARY, b. in Newington, March 23, 1807; m. Oliver Richards, of that place, Oct. 7, 1830.

162. CHAUNCEY, b. in Newington, Dec. 17, 1811; he was an enterprising southern merchant, and was murdered by a Spaniard, at Watumpka, Alabama, in 1840.

82. WILLIAM.

163. JOHN, *A. M.*, b. in Berlin, Conn., Aug. 7, 1787; graduated at the University of Vermont, in Burlington, in 1810; m. Francis, daughter of Col. Gridley, of Clinton, N. Y. He studied law, but soon relinquished his profession and became the Principal of Worthington College, Ohio. He was subsequently the first bookseller in Columbus, the capi-

tal of that State. He compiled and published a map of Ohio, and was the author of a Gazetteer of Vermont, a School Geography, and "A Gazetteer of Ohio, or Topographical Dictionary." The last mentioned work went through ten editions during the author's life, and in 1833, the eleventh edition was published, "revised and enlarged by a citizen of Columbus," and contains 512 pages. In 1828, he commenced the publication of a weekly periodical, on a large royal sheet, octavo form, entitled, "The Civil Engineer, or Herald of Internal Improvement," a useful work, which was recommended by several of the principal men in the State.* In the Library of the British Museum, London, I found a volume of some 400 pages, entitled, "Public Documents concerning the Ohio Canals, which are to connect Lake Erie with the Ohio River—comprising a Complete Official History of those great works of internal improvement down to the close of the Session of the Legislature of 1831–2. Compiled by John Kilbourn, Columbus, Ohio: I. N. Whiting, publisher—1832." Mr. Kilbourn was a man of superior talents, but unstable and erratic in his purposes. He died in Columbus, March 12, 1833, leaving three daughters, viz., (1.) Lavinia, m. Mr. Burkett, of Illinois. (2.) Laura. (3.) Sarah.

164. DR. ARIUS, b. in Berlin, Conn., July 12, 1789. When he was ten years old, he removed with his parents to Tunbridge, Orange Co., Vermont, where he remained until he was seventeen years of age—dividing his time between the farm and the district School, occasionally teaching in the winter. In early manhood he spent several months in the

* "We, the undersigned, having examined the five numbers already printed, of a weekly publication, by John Kilbourn, entitled, 'The Civil Engineer,' &c., and believing it to be a useful work and worthy of support, do hereby cordially recommend it to the patronage of all our fellow-citizens throughout this State, who take an interest in our public works."

"ISAAC MINOR, *Pres't. Board of Canal Commissioners.*
JEREMIAH MCLANE, *Secretary of State.*
H. BROWN, *State Treasurer.*
R. OSBORN. *State Auditor.*"

manufacturing establishments at Humphreysville, Conn., for the purpose of acquiring information in some branches of woollen manufacturing; and immediately thereafter resided for about four years in Dutchess Co., N. Y., during which time he married Eliza Owen, of Salisbury, Conn., in March, 1814. In 1816, he emigrated to Worthington, Franklin Co., Ohio, where for some years he superintended the establishment of the "Worthington Manufacturing Company." He subsequently became a dentist, and practiced his profession for many years in the States of Ohio, Mississippi and Louisiana. In Feb., 1837, his wife died in Woodville, Mississippi. In Nov. 1844, he married Mrs. Phebe Chapman, only child of Judge Stanbury, of Worthington, Ohio, where he has since continued to reside. His son Owen, m. Ann Elizabeth Tyson, in the parish of East Feliciana, Louisiana, in June, 1840; and died in the parish of Concordia, La., Sept., 1842—leaving two sons, William James and John Henry. Emily, the second child of Dr. Arius Kilbourn, died in Worthington, O., in 1832, aged twelve years; Lavinia, his third child, died in 1825, aged three months.

165. JULIA, b. in Berlin, Nov. 1, 1791; m. Ezra Prentiss, of Chelsea, Vt., and had three sons.

166. EMILY, b. in Berlin, Jan., 1795; m. Joshua Foster, Jr., of Tunbridge, Vt., and has several children.

167. DR. RALPH, (Dentist,) b. in Berlin, Aug. 29, 1796; resided in Chelsea, Vt., for several years, but settled in Montpelier, Vt., in 1842, where he died, March 19, 1854. He m. Sally Dearborn, Jan. 20, 1820, and had nine children, viz., William P., Henry G., Horatio E., Isaac D., Mary A., Harriet, Clara A., Edwin A. and Edward R. Dr. Kilbourn was a prominent member of the "Liberty Party," of Vermont, was one of the *State Committee*, and presided at various political conventions.

168. WILLIAM, ESQ., b. in Berlin, Feb. 5, 1799; emigrated to Ohio, in 1818; m. Matilda Sells, in 1821. He

was a man of enterprise, established the carding-works at Dublin, Ohio, (five miles from Worthington,) and died, while holding the office of Justice of the Peace, in Sept., 1833, at the age of thirty-four years. He left no descendants.

169. SARAH, b. in Tunbridge, Vermont, March 26, 1802; unmarried. She resides with her mother in Chelsea, Vermont.

170. OSMOND, b. in Tunbridge, Vt., March 30, 1804; d. in childhood.

171. JEDEDIAH SAGE, *M. D.*, b. in Tunbridge, Vt., Oct. 23, 1805; pursued his professional studies with Dr. Russell Clark, of Sandy Hill, N. Y., and Drs. Wheeler and Robbins, of Troy—and received a license to practice from the Rensselaer County Medical Society, in May, 1832. He was appointed Assistant Physician to the Cholera Hospital in Troy, the following summer. From Troy he went to Albany and pursued his studies one year with Professor March. In the fall of 1836, he removed to the city of New York, and in the following spring graduated at the "New York College of Physicians and Surgeons." He was selected as the Private Physician of Joseph Bonaparte, ex-King of Spain, the last time he visited this country. In 1849, Dr. Kilbourne was appointed Physician to one of the Cholera Hospitals in New York; and in 1851, he was elected Professor of Surgery in the new Medical College at Louisville, Kentucky, but declined the appointment. He is the author of an able paper on the Cholera, which has been extensively copied; also one upon "Coup de Soliel," or Sun-stroke, and many others upon Surgical, Physiological and Scientific subjects. After receiving his degree, Dr. Kilbourne devoted several years almost exclusively to lectures, dissections, and attendance upon the hospitals and dispensaries; and nearly seven years of constant attendance at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary. During this latter period, he spent a considerable portion of each winter in delivering lectures

in New York and elsewhere, upon Anatomy, Physiology and Hygeine. He detests quackery in all its forms, and holds quacks in utter contempt. A diploma, which with many is their goal, was his starting point—and from the outset he was determined to *deserve*, if he did not command success. He is a member of the Medical Society of the City and County of New York, and Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine. He still resides in the city of New York —unmarried.

172. DR. JAMES, b. in Tunbridge, Sept. 29, 1807; m. Martha Haverly, in Fairfield Co., Ohio, and d. in 1834, aged 27 years, leaving no children. He was a practicing physician.

173. ELIZA ANN, b. in Chelsea, Vt., Oct. 3, 1810; m. Homer Tuller, of Worthington, Ohio, in 1836. Her children are—James H., Henry K., Walter A., Frances E., Flora J. and Lewis B.

### 87. HON. JAMES.

174 COL. HECTOR, b. in Simsbury, Conn., in 1791; removed to Worthington, Ohio, with his father. He studied the art of Surveying, and assisted his father in laying out Sandusky City—at which place he ever afterwards resided. He was a very popular man, and was often importuned by his friends to stand as a candidate for Congress, but invariably declined. He accumulated a large estate; was Colonel of militia, Postmaster and Magistrate. He died in 1838. Uumarried.

175. LUCY, b. in Simsbury; was m. to M. Matthews, Esq., in 1811; their children are—Dorance, Adaline, Fitch, James and Ellen. She d. in 1838.

176. HARRIET, b. in Simsbury, in 1795; m. Dr. C. H. Case, in 1812; their children are Hector and Douglass; Dr. Case having died, she was m. in 1820, to Judge Buttles; their children are—Edwin, Julia, Love, Eden, Mary, Henry and Lucy.

177. LAURA. b. in Simsbury, in 1797; was m. to R. W. Cowles; their children are—Havens, Cynthia, Hector K., Mary Antoniette, Rensselaer H., James W., Geraldine, Granville, Laura K., Gertrude, Byron K. and Whiting Day.

178. ORREL, was killed by an accident in childhood.

179. HON. BYRON, a distinguished citizen of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was born in Granby, Conn., Sept. 8, 1801.

In the fall of 1803, at the age of two years, he was transplanted from his native State to take his chance in the then almost unbroken wilderness of Ohio. His father, the late Col. James Kilbourn, as we have seen, during the year last named, removed with his own and forty other families on to a large and fertile tract of land, which had been purchased by him, as the General Agent of the Sciota Company, during the preceding season. His mother was a daughter of the celebrated John Fitch, Esq. the inventor of the steamboat.

The site of their settlement is now known as the village of Worthington, in Franklin county, eight miles from the city of Columbus, and near the geographical centre of the State. The scene rapidly changed. The tall forest trees that sheltered the emigrants on their first arrival, soon gave place to golden harvests and the pleasant homes of civilization and refinement. The central village grew and flourished, and the surrounding farms were rapidly improved; so that in a comparatively short time, this settlement became one of the most delightful and attractive places in the State, and was long celebrated not only for the high moral tone of its society, but was also the seat of learning, and drew to it the youth of the better class of people from all parts of the State. It held this supremacy during the childhood, youth and early manhood of young Kilbourn. Surrounded by such associations and influences, and his father being in easy circumstances, he acquired at an early age as good an education as could at that time be obtained without the advantage of a regular college course of studies. He showed an early aptitude for the mathematics, and pursued his studies in that department with much avidity, especially in their practical application to navigation, surveying and engineering.

At the age of thirteen, he left school for a clerkship in his father's store, and commenced the life of a trader in dry goods and groceries, which he continued for three years, devoting his leisure time (of which he found an abundance,) and particularly his evenings, to the study of mathematics and the reading of History and Law, and also gave considerable attention to music, for which he had a natural fondness. The law, however, was peculiarly his favorite study, for the practice of which

he was well adapted; but a strong prejudice in the mind of his father against the profession, prevented his adopting it as the business of life, and directed his mind and energies into other channels. As he never had any relish for merchandizing, and could not bear the confinement necessary to that occupation, at the age of sixteen, with his father's approbation, he abandoned it for more congenial pursuits. Having a strong passion for the wild woods, he engaged in surveying, a business at that time deemed quite abstruse; and, as surveyors were scarce, a large demand existed, yielding ample employment and good compensation, and affording our friend much time for the prosecution of his favorite studies.

During this period, his father was a Representative in Congress, and an ardent supporter of the administration of President Madison; and during the war he became largely engaged in the manufacture of woollens. His works, for some years, went on quite prosperously; but, by reason of a subsequent change in the policy of the government, the country became flooded with foreign goods, and the establishments of Mr. Kilbourn, (in common with others throughout the country,) went down, bankrupting him in their failure. Byron was about seventeen years old when he was thus thrown upon his own resources. But the experience which he had already acquired as a Surveyor, now furnished him with a convenient resource to commence life upon on his own account.

In the year 1823, when the surveys were commenced by the State of Ohio for the stupendous system of internal improvements which was subsequently carried out, Mr. Kilbourn entered the service of the State as an Engineer,* and continued to occupy a prominent position and act an important part in these measures, until the completion of the Ohio Canal from Lake Erie to the Ohio River, and of the Miami Canal from Dayton to Cincinnati, in 1832. During the first three years of this period, his time was principally spent in exploring the State and locating various lines; and the remaining portion of the time, he filled the station of Resident Engineer in the construction and superintendence of the Canal.

* When exploring the Library of the British Museum, London, in July, 1855, I accidentally met with the following paragraph in the annual Report of the Commissioners of Public Works for the State of Ohio, bearing date January 21, 1824:—

"The Commissioners have deemed it important in the course of their surveys, to raise up a corps of Engineers who will consider themselves identified with the interests of the State, and on whom we may in all future cases rely. With this view we have employed in addition to Mr. Samuel Forrer, (to whose exertions and intelligence we are indebted for the progress already made,) Mr. John Forrer and Mr. *Byron Kilbourn*, as assistants, both of whom have evinced a degree of information, judgment and activity, which promise to make them highly useful and respectable as Engineers, when they have obtained the requisite experience and practical knowledge." The report is signed by Thomas Worthington, Benjamin Tappan, E. Buckingham, Jr., Isaac Minor, M. F. Williams and Alfred Kelly. Mr. Kilbourn was then about 22 years old.

In the latter part of the year 1832, he retired somewhat from active service, owing to a severe and and long continued attack of rheumatism brought on by frequent exposure; and on being partially restored to health in the spring of 1833, he undertook the Superintendence of the construction of the Milan Ship Canal, extending from Lake Erie at the mouth of Huron River, to Milan, an important business point on that river about ten miles in the interior. Here, in an easy employment, requiring only a portion of his time during the year 1833, he recovered sufficiently from his rheumatic attack to indulge in his natural desire for some more active enterprise, and he determined on looking into that far off country to the west of Lake Michigan, which then seemed to be beyond the bounds that civilization would reach during that age.

To that distant region he took his course, and landed at Green Bay, on the 8th of May, 1834, having placed himself in the unpretending position of Surveyor of Public Lands, through a contract for that purpose obtained from his warm personal friend, the late Micajah F. Williams, of Cincinnati, then Surveyor General. His main object, however, was to explore the country, and find, if possible, the natural commercial point for all that vast extent of country, stretching from the Lake westward to the Mississippi.

That whole country, now so well known and so interesting, was then almost unknown to the world, except Green Bay at the northern, and Chicago at the southern extreme of the Lake. These places had been visited by the early French Explorers, and had been known as trading places and military posts for many years. That part of the Lake coast lying within the present State of Wisconsin, and indeed the whole State, then constituted a part of the Territority of Michigan, and was a vast wilderness, along whose borders a steamboat was rarely seen, although at long intervals such a phenomenon was even then sometimes witnessed by the native sons of the forest.

A portion of the spring and summer months he spent in the region adjacent to Green Bay and in the Manitouwac and Sheboygan country, in making Government Surveys, and the remainder of the season to November, in exploring the coast, in which he visited all the natural business localities between Manitouwac and Chicago, as well as the interior, and finally settled his opinion in favor of the Milwaukee River as the locality on which the largest amount of business could be concentrated, and consequently as the most favorable site to become the commercial metropolis of the State thereafter to be formed. The short time which has since elapsed has fully proved the sagacity of that conclusion. Up to 1834, it was a rare occurrence for a white man to be seen at the Milwaukee River. None but those connected with the army or fur trade,

or an adventurous traveler, ever ventured into this unknown region. But since that time, in the short space of twenty-one years, a city has sprung into existence numbering over thirty-five thousand inhabitants—the commercial emporium of a State which has been peopled and organized within the same period, containing a population of over five hundred and fifty thousand souls.

In Mr. Kilbourn's early visits to Wisconsin, in the years 1834, '35, '36, and including the greater part of '37, he traveled the country on horseback, carrying his camp, blankets, and provisions, and, in the winter season, his horse-feed along with him, and wherever he was when night came, there was his home. Sometimes he was entertained in the wigwams of the denizens of the forest; but generally the solitary occupant of his own camp, except, as was frequently the case, he had a traveling companion. There were then no roads or highways, but only the devious Indian trail, and frequently this was neglected and the journey pursued without any guide but the sun or a pocket compass. In 1834 and the beginning of '35, there was no white man's habitation between Chicago and Green Bay, except that of Mr. Solomon Juneau, on the Milwaukee River, who had been settled there many years in the fur trade with the Indians under John J. Astor's Company. Mr. Juneau was one of *Nature's Noblemen*, and was the very soul and embodiment of hospitality and good cheer. His house, or rather his lowly cabin, was a home, and a delightful one, to every straggler in that wild region. Among his pleasantest recollections, Mr. Kilbourn often adverts to the cheerful fireside scenes in that wild-wood home after days of travel, toil and privation.

Having decided to locate himself at Milwaukee, he made his selections of land, embracing all that part of the present city lying on the west side of the Milwaukee River, above the confluence of the Menomonee, and became by subsequent purchase in 1835, the original proprietor of all that part of the city, as Mr. Juneau was, by early settlement and pre-emption, of the other side of the River, extending to the Lake shore. The following extract from the first "Directory" of the City, published in 1848, gives a brief and faithful history of its early settlement:

"Milwaukee cannot lay claim to any great antiquity. It is, on the contrary, of very recent origin. The City *as such* is but *two* years old. The settlement only commenced here in 1834, and previous to 1818, not a white man lived on the site or within an hundred miles of the now rapidly growing city, On the 14th of September, 1818, Mr. Solomon Juneau, and his father-in-law, Jacques Vieau, two French Canadian Traders, entered the Milwaukee River in a Mackinac batteau, and established a trading post at this point. It had previously been visited by several traders, but this was the first actual settlement made here; and Mr. Juneau was not only the first white settler at Milwaukee, but the first white

resident in Wisconsin, with the exception of the settlers at Green Bay and Prairie du Chien.

Mr. Juneau built several log cabins for the accommodation of his family, and the convenience of his business, and in May, 1835, put up the first frame building erected in Milwaukee.

In May, 1834, Byron Kilbourn, Esq., came to Wisconsin, as a Government Surveyor, and during that year visited Milwaukee, enjoying the hospitality of Mr. Juneau, then the only white man residing between Chicago and Green Bay. He made a location on the west side of the River, with a view to purchase when the land should come into market. Mr. Geo. H. Walker, also visited Milwaukee in the early part of 1834, opening a trading establishment here, and making a claim upon the tract since known as 'Walker's Point.' At the land sale at Green Bay, in July and August, 1835, Mr. Juneau purchased the N. E. quarter of Section 29, in Town 7, and Range 22, on which he resided, and Mr. Kilbourn purchased the S. E. quarter of the same Section. These two tracts, extending along the Milwaukee River a mile in width, constitute the nucleus of the present city of Milwaukee. The proprietorship was subsequently modified by an arrangement between the two purchasers, in accordance with which Mr. Kilbourn conveyed to Mr. Juneau, that part of the S. E. quarter of Section 29 lying East of the River, and Mr. Juneau conveyed to Mr. Kilbourn that part of the N. E. quarter, of the same section lying West of the River. Mr. Juneau subsequently added to the original tract by purchase extending eastwardly and southerly towards the Lake, and Mr. Kilbourn by purchases extending westwardly and northerly towards the interior; the entire purchase embracing in the aggregate about six hundred acres; three hundred of which were owned by Mr. Kilbourn and constituted his plat of Milwaukee on the west side of the River."

Wisconsin Territory was organized by an act of Congress, April 20, 1836. The Milwaukee City Directory, for 1850, gives some additional facts relating to the organization of civil government there, as follows:

"On the 7th day of February, 1837, a meeting of the inhabitants of Milwaukee was held pursuant to a published notice, for the purpose of considering the propriety of organizing the Town of Milwaukee. The vote stood, For incorporating, 21; against incorporating, 0. The middle of the Milwaukee River was established as the west boundary of the Town. On the 14th day of February, 1837, the first election took place, and resulted in the election of Solomon Juneau, as President; and Samuel Hinman, William A. Prentiss, George D. Dousman, and Daniel Wells, Jr., Trustees; Horatio N. Wells, Clerk. A Town was organized on the west side of Milwaukee River, about the same time in 1837. The first officers elected were—Byron Kilbourn, President; James H. Rogers, John H. Tweedy, William R. Longstreet, and Daniel H. Richards, Trustees.

"By an act of the Legislature in 1839, these two towns were united in one, with two wards, called the East and West Wards."

In his first explorations, Mr. Kilbourn had an eye to the ways and means of intercourse which were, by the topography of the country, presented for the construction of public works to facilitate trade with the interior, and formed the project of a Canal communication between the Lake at Milwaukee and Rock River, and its extension down that stream

by slack water and up the Catfish through the Four Lakes and by canal to the Wisconsin River, thereby opening a water communication with the Mississippi.

During the summer and fall of 1837, he brought this project before the public by a series of articles published in the *Milwaukee Advertiser*, (the first newspaper established at Milwaukee, and conducted by Mr. Daniel H. Richards, who is still residing near Milwaukee on a beautiful farm in the dignified enjoyment of his position as patriarch of the Press in one of the most populous cities of the west. These articles had a wide circulation, and doubtless did their full share in spreading a knowledge of the superior advantages offered by that region to men of business, and for the investment of capital, and no doubt aided much in producing the vast tide of emigration which for years flowed in an unbroken stream in that direction.

In pursuance of the plan thus laid before the public, he drew up and circulated petitions, brought the subject before the Legislature, and obtained the passage of an act incorporating a company for the purpose of constructing a Canal to Rock River, called "The Milwaukee and Rock River Canal Company." That act was passed early in January, 1838, and in February the Company was duly formed. Mr. Kilbourn was elected President, and dispatched to Washington for the purpose of obtaining a grant of land to aid in the construction of the Canal. He succeeded in obtaining a very liberal grant, being one half of all the sections along the route of the Canal, ten miles wide from one extreme to the other. This grant, had it been faithfully applied to the object, under a wise administration, would have been sufficient to have secured the completion of that important work in a few years. If the administration of that land grant, its sale and application to the object designed, had devolved solely on Mr. Kilbourn, with his experience in works of that nature, there cannot be a doubt that the Canal would have been completed by the close of year 1843, and that the whole country, and the city of Milwaukee, would have been vastly benefitted by its navigation and by the immense water power which would have been created in all its extent, and in the numerous villages which would have sprung up at all these manufacturing sites.

But political bodies are sometimes over wise, and the Congress of the United States is not an exception. For the purpose of being very sure that the lands would be faithfully applied to the objects of the grant, the act placed them under the control and at the disposal of the Legislature of the Territory of Wisconsin, prescribing that they should be sold under certain regulations and the proceeds applied to the construction of the Canal, and for "*no other purpose whatever.*" This act was passed in June, 1838, and the legislature, in pursuance of the trust thus reposed in it,

undertook the performance of its duties by passing an act in the early part of 1839, under which the work on the Canal was successfully begun. But in an evil hour local hostilities arose, and local interests and feelings began to exert their baleful influence on the legislature, and finally the subject became mixed up in the political cauldron, and for several sessions formed the battle-ground of contending politicians. In the end, the further progress of the work was arrested by the direct action of the legislature, which, in disregard of the injunctions of the act of Congress, appropriated the proceeds of the sales of those lands to the payment of the debts of the Territory, and to defraying the expense of holding two Conventions for the formation of a State Government. The Canal grant, therefore, obtained solely through the personal exertions of Mr. Kilbourn, though it failed to produce the results aimed at by him, yielded a fund which furnished the legislature the means of paying over a hundred thousand dollars of public indebtedness and expenditures, and enabled the State to enter the Union free of debt. But the morality of such a proceeding may be questioned. Its operation on a portion of the community interested in that improvement was, to say the least, quite unfavorable.

The Canal was prostrated by a repeal, at the session of 1841, '42, of the laws previously passed for its aid, and by the subsequent appropriation of the funds derived from the sale of the land for other purposes. When it seemed evident that the Canal was doomed, Mr. Kilbourn, true to his instincts as an internal-improvement man, urged upon the legislature to make use of the land granted for that purpose, by authorizing its application to the construction of a Railroad. But it was decided that such a project was premature, and though supported by some of the most enlightened minds, was overruled by the majority.

After the defeat of these favorite measures, Mr. Kilbourn ceased for a while to urge any similar enterprises until time, experience and an enlightened public sentiment should show their necessity and come to his aid. In the mean time enjoying the public confidence, he devoted himself chiefly to his private affairs, and incidentally to such public duties as were required of him.

In 1840, Mr. Kilbourn was a candidate for Delegate to Congress, but his opponent, Governor Doty, was returned by a small majority. In 1845, he was elected to represent the County of Milwaukee in the Territorial Legislature.* In 1846, the city of Milwaukee was chartered, and he was chosen a member of the first Board of Aldermen. On the 19th of August of the same year, the County Convention met to nominate

* The Milwaukee *Courier*, of May 7th, 1845, contained an able article reviewing the claims of gentlemen who had been proposed as candidates for

candidates for various offices. On the first ballot for a candidate to represent the County in the Territorial Senate, Mr. Kilbourn received a majority of the votes of the Convention; but as it was stated and understood that his business arrangements for the season would not permit him to accept the station, the Hon. H. N. Wells was nominated on the next ballot, and was subsequently elected. In 1847, Mr. Kilbourn was re-elected to the office of Alderman, and was also chosen a Delegate to the Convention which met at Madison on the 15th of December, of that year, and formed the present State Constitution. In that body, he was Chairman of the Committee on the "General Provisions" of the Constitution, and as such drew up and reported the Preamble and Declaration of Rights, the article on Boundaries, the article on Banks and Banking, and the article on Amendments. In 1848, he was elected Mayor of the city of Milwaukee, then containing about 15,000 inhabitants. Never recognizing slavery as a legitimate "institution" of the Republic, and caring more for *principle* than for *promotion*, he so far repudiated his old political associations as to declare himself in favor of an independent organization, formed on a basis of universal freedom. He was elected a Delegate to, and Vice President of, the Free Democratic National Convention which met at Buffalo during that year, and nominated Martin Van Buren for President and Charles Francis Adams for Vice President of the United States.

When the public mind began to comprehend the importance of Railroad communication with the interior, Mr. Kilbourn was by common consent designated as the most suitable person to lead the first enterprise of that description, and was accordingly elected President of the "Milwaukee and Mississippi Railroad Company," by a unanimous vote of the

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Congress, from which the following extract is taken. After speaking of Messrs. Upham and Darling, the writer continues:

"BYRON KILBOURN is unquestionably a man of superior abilities, the characteristics of his mind being liveliness of perception, acuteness of understanding, searching penetration, indefatigable perseverence, and withal common sense. Never satisfied with any subject that occupies his attention till it is reduced to a demonstration, he is calculated to sift every word, thought, motive and action, to the bottom. These powers were propagated and extensively exercised by the practice of his profession of engineering; and it may be thought that his habits of severe thinking, and of refraining from trivial conversation, have rendered him less popular with the mass than others. He has even been accused of being aristocratic in his feelings; but we venture to affirm that if ever democracy found a genial habitation, it has found it in the breast of Byron Kilbourn. He would as willingly shake the hand of the farmer, or mechanic, and grasp it as tightly too, as that of the first man in the nation. His whole soul is absorbed in the welfare of Wisconsin, and the breath of slander would fail to impeach his integrity: falsehood alone could successfully asperse his character. Suffice it to say, the distinction lies here—Upham or Darling would be the more effective candidate before the people: Kilbourn would be the most efficient Representative on the floor of Congress.

Board of Directors. This company was organized in the early part of 1849, and he continued to occupy the position of President of the Company until the early part of 1852, nearly three years, and it is mainly attributable to his address and indefatigable enterprise, that the numerous difficulties with which that Company had to contend were overcome, and the road itself so successfully carried forward. It is now becoming one of the most productive and important works in the western country, and under good management will contribute largely to the benefit of the city, and the country at large. He is now engaged with equal zeal in prosecuting, as Director and Chief Engineer, another work of equal merit, the Lacrosse and Milwaukee Railroad, in which it is to be hoped he will be as successful as in the one above referred to.

Thus at every stage of life, from sixteen to over fifty years of age, we find the subject of our present memoir uniformly active and industrious in the promotion of useful works, and as equally successful in his private enterprises without forgetting or neglecting the duties of a good citizen.

I have said that John Fitch, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Kilbourn, was the inventor of the steamboat, and the first successful experimenter in steam navigation. The world, however, awards this credit to Robert Fulton, and before we can claim credence for a declaration at variance with the general understanding, it may be necessary to adduce some evidence to sustain our position. It will be recollected that Mr. Fulton's first experiment was made at New York in 1806, while that of Mr. Fitch was made in 1788, by running his boat several trips from Philadelphia to Trenton and other points on the Delaware, and failed in bringing his invention into successful operation solely for the want of funds with which to prosecute his labors. Had he been fortunate enough to have had a Livingston for a patron, as Mr. Fulton had, he would have been the universally acknowledged founder of steam navigation. Though Philadelphia then contained many splendid men, yet the idea was so new, so startling and so grand, that they could not comprehend its full merit, nor elevate their faith to a point necessary to come generously forward with their means to the support of a poor and friendless mechanic, and one whom as they imagined was a visionary experimenter. It is worthy of note that Mr. Fulton was at the time of Mr. Fitch's experiments, conversant with all his operations, and that it was not until after Mr. Fitch's death, that he sought, under the patronage of Mr. Livingston, to astonish the world with the results borrowed from Fitch's genius.

No one who will take the pains to inform himself, can at this day doubt the sound mechanical ability and talent of John Fitch, nor that he is in reality the true father of steam navigation; and all liberal minded persons when so informed, will feel regret that one so gifted and so merito-

rious, should have suffered so much, and been so inadequately appreciated, as he was by the world during his life time.*

From him, the subject of our present history inherited mechanical talents of a high order, and though he has never distinguished himself like his grandfather for any important invention, yet he possesses a rare discriminating taste and judgment in mechanics and machinery; and from both parents he has inherited a patient perseverence which is almost certain in the end to produce the result aimed at.

At the age of *thirty-seven* years, John Fitch crossed the Alleghany Mountains, and as a Surveyor entered the "bloody ground" of Kentucky, then a wilderness, where he made extensive surveys and entered land under the Virginia Land Warrant System. At the age of *thirty-three*, Colonel Kilbourn removed into Ohio, then also a vast wilderness; and at the age of *thirty-three*, our friend of the present generation, the son and grandson of the pioneers here named, found his way into Wisconsin, then equally wild and unreclaimed, where he has contributed, with other good citizens, to build up a city and to promote the substantial interests of the State—thus presenting a singular unity of taste to explore new and wild regions, and to seek out the means of being useful to our race. From the early age of seventeen, when thrown upon his own resources, without pecuniary aid from any one, we find Mr. Kilbourn making his way in the world, and aiding and sustaining all useful enterprises—presenting to the young and rising generation another among many similar examples of the results of persevering industry, and habits of economy and sobriety, such as have ever marked his career. He is now one of the wealthy men of the West, in the full enjoyment of the confidence of a discriminating people who have known him long and well. He is yet in the prime and vigor of life, and our ardent wish is, that he may long survive, an honor to his family name and a benefactor to his race.

Mr. Kilbourn was re-elected Mayor of the city of Milwaukee in 1854, by more than a thousand majority,† and in February, 1855, he was the regular democratic candidate before the legislature of Wisconsin, for the office of United States Senator. After several unsuccessful ballotings, his competitor, the Hon. Charles Durkee, was chosen by one majority. Mr. Kilbourn is now President of the Board of Education. It has been said that no man in Wisconsin has made so many Railroad speeches, or has so often presided over State and District Conventions and other public meetings, as Byron Kilbourn.

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* See Appendix.

† *The Wisconsin*, remarked in reference to his opponent, Col. Walker :— "He had been so repeatedly elected Mayor, that he was thought to be invincible; but he could not stand before the popular sentiment in favor of Mr. Kilbourn."

The first wife of Mr. Kilbourn was Mary H., daughter of the Rev. Whitfield Cowles, of Simsbury, Conn., by whom he had two daughters, Gloriana and Lucy Fitch, both of whom died young. By his second wife, Henrietta, daughter of Joseph Karrick, Esq., of Baltimore, Md., he has had two sons, Byron Hector and John Fitch.

180. ORREL, (2d,) b. in Washington, Penn., 1803, while her parents were *en route* to Ohio; m. Isaac N. Whiting, Esq., a bookseller and publisher of Columbus, Ohio, where they are both living. They have one son, Newton Augustus.

181. CYNTHIA, b. in Worthington, Ohio, in 1809; m. Dr. I. G. Jones, and has two children—Louisa and James K.

182. ELIZA, [twin with Cynthia,] d. when 18 months old.

183. LINCOLN, b. in Worthington, in 1810; m. Jane Evans, and has children, Alice and James. He is a merchant in Columbus, of the firm of Kilbourne & Khuns.

184. CHARLOTTE, b. in Worthington, 1812; d. in childhood.

185. PROF. JAMES, *M. D.*, b. in Worthington, in 1815; m. Laura Pinney, in 1838, and had Laura, who d. aged six months; his second wife was Nancy Stiles, to whom he was m. in 1842, and had one son, named Lincoln Percy. He was a man of extraordinary attainments in science and literature, and before he had passed his 30th year, was elevated to an important professorship in the Medical College at Cincinnati. He died, deeply lamented, in Columbus, May 30, 1845.

FROM THE WESTERN MONTHLY JOURNAL OF MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SCIENCE, FOR NOVEMBER, 1845.

PROF. JAMES KILBOURNE, M. D.

"The following remarks were submitted by T. V. MORROW, Professor of Pathology, Physiology, Theory and Practice of Medicine, in the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, at the close of his Introductory Lecture, delivered Nov. 7th, inst., before the class of said Institute, on the subject of the death of the late JAMES KILBOURNE, Jr., M. D.

"I cannot, in justice to my own feelings, allow this occasion to pass, without adverting briefly to one of those melancholy events which occasionally happens, and which, from its nature, is calculated to fill the mind with the most profound regret and heartfelt sorrow.

"Since the close of the last annual course of winter Lectures in this school, JAMES KILBOURNE, Jr., *M. D.*, late a Professor in this Institution, has closed his earthly career. He died on the 30th of May last, in the city of Columbus, Ohio, surrounded by his family and his friends, aged thirty years and one month.

"I am informed that he met his untimely fate with all the composure and firmness of a man who confided in the prospect of immediately entering into a state of existence inconceivably happier than the best condition of man on earth, and *that* a state of progression forever, to higher and higher powers, still expanding in knowledge, in happiness and in glory. His mind was clear and collected to the last. He had a great desire for longer life *here*, to enjoy and cherish his family and other friends, who were many, and with them to serve and benefit his fellow men, as his attainments and opportunities might allow. But he fully believed that a higher and happier destiny awaited him.

"Thus was cut down by the relentless ravages of a complicated disease, one of the noblest and most gifted specimens of humanity. It was my fortune to have known him long and well. My acquaintance with him commenced in 1830. Even at this early age, he gave evidence of more than ordinary powers of mind. When he had scarcely attained the 19th year of his age, he stepped forward in the career of letters, and became the successful competitor for one of the prizes offered by the Managers for the best addresses on the occasion of the opening of the Columbus Theatre. This first exhibition in a public way of the capacities of his powerful and vigorous mind, won for him the second prize, which was a beautiful silver cup, valued at $25. This was certainly a compliment of the highest cast to his genius and talents, especially when it is remembered that many of the best writers in this and the surrounding States were competitors for the same. Subsequently he studied and graduated in the Medical Department of Worthington College, with high credit to himself. Soon after which he entered on the practical duties of his profession, but was obliged to relinquish them occasionally, on account of his physical disabilities. In the spring of 1843, he was invited to and accepted a professorship in this Institute, and continued in the discharge of its active duties for about one year, during which time he gave the most satisfactory evidences of his splendid qualifications for the duties of his situation. But the insiduous inroads of dis-

ease soon disqualified him for its many complicated duties. To seek that repose so necessary for his declining health, he once more returned to the bosom of his family and friends, and there remained until the day of his death. Seldom has it fallen to our lot to find a mind so richly endowed with the varied powers which adorn and dignify human nature, encased in so frail and languishing a body. I saw him for the last time about four weeks previous to his death, when I visited Columbus and Worthington as the agent of this Institute, to present, in behalf of its friends, a small token of respect to his venerable father, Col. James Kilbourne, for his manly support of the claims of our Institute upon the Legislature for a charter. To high and commanding talents, he joined the urbanity and polish of the finished gentleman. His lectures as well as writings are replete with eloquence, instruction and interest, and had it pleased the Author of his being to have lengthened his existence to the ordinary term of human life, no one could entertain a doubt but that its meridian and evening would have been marked by the same signal conquests of mind that had characterized the bright morning of his short but brilliant career. He left an affectionate wife and an interesting little son, together with numerous relatives and a vast concourse of friends, to deplore his premature death."

### 93. GEORGE.

186. SOPHIA, b. in Farmington, Conn., Feb. 24, 1792; in 1812, she m. Heman Oviatt, Esq.,* a merchant of Hudson, Ohio; she d. in the fall of 1836.

187. ASAHEL, Esq., b. in Goshen, Conn., July 9, 1796; removed to Hudson, Ohio, with his parents, in 1801; m. Sophia, daughter of Solomon Curtiss, of Chillicothe, Ohio. In 1828, he was elected Justice of the Peace, an office which he held for several years; and was for fifteen years deacon of the First Congregational Church in Hudson. For some years previous to his death he was a deacon of the Free Congregational Church in that town. He died, universally lamented, in December, 1850, aged 54 years—leaving eight children.

* Mr. Oviatt was a native of Goshen, Conn., and emigrated to Ohio in company with Mr Kilbourn and others, in 1801. He was a Trustee and liberal benefactor of "Western Reserve College," having given to that Institution $10,000. The "Oviatt Professorship of Didactic Theology" was named from him. He died in 1854.

188. GEORGE, b. in Goshen, April 24, 1798; removed to Ohio with his parents, where he still resides. In 1820, he m. Almira, daughter of Deac. Guy Wolcott, of Wolcottville, Conn., and has five children, two of whom (Guy and Charles,) are sons.

189. COL. TIMOTHY E., b. in Goshen, July 2, 1801; in 1821, he m. Louisa, daughter of Deac. Jonathan Baldwin, of Atwater, Ohio, and has three children—Julius, Frederick, and a daughter, name not given. He was recently commander of a regiment of Ohio militia.

190. ELIZA, b. in Tallmadge, Ohio, Aug. 15, 1808; m. Harlow Davis, of Hudson, Ohio, in 1826. He d. in 1843. The widow m. for her second husband, Dr. Taylor, a graduate of Western Reserve College, and settled in Springfield, Illinois, where he died.

191. JUSTIN, b. in Tallmadge, Ohio, Aug. 14, 1812; m. Amanda, daughter of Col. Luther Fitch, of Sharon, Ohio, in 1832, and has one child. He resides in Hudson, Ohio.

### 96. ELISHA.

192. ELISHA, b. in Tyringham, Mass.; m. Matilda Spencer, of Winsted, Conn., where he resides. His children are—Warren, Sarah Ann, Abigail, Elisha, Elizabeth and Spencer.

193. ROSWELL, b. in Tyringham, Mass.; lives in Colebrook, Conn.; unmarried.

194. JASON C., b. in Tyringham, Mass., Feb. 25, 1794; m. Lydia Whiting, of Colebrook, Conn., and had two daughters, Susan, and Mary A., wife of Albert Kelsey. Mr. Kilbourn was killed in Colebrook, by the falling of a tree.

195. DEAC. JONATHAN S., (twin with Jason C.,) b. in Tyringham, Mass., Feb. 25, 1794; m. Martha Clark, Sept. 15, 1818, and has four children, viz., Henry C., Joseph K.,

Sarah A., and Edward E. He was long and extensively engaged as a manufacturer in Norfolk, Conn., on the premises now occupied by his sons. He was formerly a member of the Board of Civil Authority in Norfolk, and is now a Deacon of the Congregational Church in that town.

196. BETSEY, b. in Tyringham, Mass.; m. Levi Shepard, Esq., of Norfolk, Conn., where they are both living. Their children are, (1.) John Kilbourn, (a Representative from Norfolk in 1847); m. Sarah Mills, daughter of Michael F. Mills, Esq. (2.) Jason, d. young.

197. SALLY, b. in Tyringham, Mass.; lives in Colebrook, Conn.; unmarried.

198. BARNEY, b. in Colebrook, Conn., where he is now living; unmarried.

98. LIEUT. HEZEKIAH.

199. PRUDENCE, b. in Sandisfield, Feb. 14, 1786; m. Joseph Wells, of Troy, N. Y. She is now a widow, and resides in Medina, N. Y.

200. HANNAH, b. in Sandisfield, Aug. 5, 1787; d. 1816.

201. ELIZABETH, b. in Sandisfield, Oct. 6, 1791; unmarried.

202. ABIGAIL, b. in Sandisfield, Nov. 26, 1791; m. her cousin, Jonathan Kilbourn, of her native town.

99. CHARLES.

203. ASHUR, m. Rebecca, daughter of Elisha Granger; resided in Watertown, N. Y., and Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., until 1834, when he removed to Portland, Iowa Co., Michigan. He has a large family.

101. JONATHAN, ESQ.

204. MARY, b. in Sandisfield, Mass., June 17, 1789; m. her cousin, Henry C. Brown, Esq., High Sheriff of Berkshire Co., Mass.

205. SARAH, b. in Sandisfield, Oct. 25, 1795; m. Drake Mills, Esq., of New York city.

206. ELIZA, b. in Sandisfield, Mass., July 17, 1799; d. in childhood.

207. JONATHAN, b. in Sandisfield, Mass., Nov. 12, 1803; m. his cousin, Abigail Kilbourn, daughter of Hezekiah Kilbourn, and had one son, Jonathan H., who d., in 1854, (unmarried.) Mr. Kilbourn d. in his native town, in 1850.

103. ROBBINS.

208. ROBBINS, b. in Sandisfield, Mass., Dec. 14, 1793.

209. ASHUR, b. in Sandisfield, Dec. 3, 1794; d. young.

210. ASHUR, (2d,) b. in Sandisfield, Dec. 14, 1795.

211. LUCY, b. in Sandisfield, April 20, 1796.

212. HULDAH, b. in Sandisfield, June 14, 1797.

213. ROSWELL, b. in Sandisfield, Aug. 8, 1799.

214. WILLIAM, b. in Sandisfield, Feb. 25, 1801.

104. ROBERT.

215. CLARISSA, b. in Sandisfield, Mass., Sept. 8, 1794; m. John Sibley, May 15, 1828, and has three children—Robert, Stephen and Sarah Ann—all living in Richmond, Illinois.

216. LEWIS, b. in Great Barrington, Mass., Sept. 2, 1797; was drowned, Oct. 23, 1803.

217. CAPT. LEVI, b. in Great Barrington, Mass., March 22, 1800; m. Keziah Pope, July 6, 1826, and has three children, viz., Ellen, William and Martha. He resides in his native town.

218. RUSSELL, b. in Great Barrington, Mass., May 1, 1802; m. Harriet Seeley, Jan. 4, 1826, and has nine children, viz., John, Emeline, Mark, Emma, Edgar, Elizabeth, Lydia, Alice and Josephine. He resides in Great Barrington.

219. CAPT. JOEL, b. in Great Barrington, Mass., July 10, 1804; m. Marietta Chappell, April 2, 1834, and has two children—Robert and Imogene. Capt. Kilbourn was aid-de-camp to Gen. Wainright, 1st Brigade, 2d Division, Massachusetts militia, in 1833.

220. MARK, b. in Great Barrington, Mass., Aug. 22, 1806; m. Julia Johnson, in June, 1836, and has two children—Frances and Harriet. His residence is Lake Mills, Wisconsin.

221. SARAH ANN, b. in Great Barrington, Mass., March 10, 1811; m. Judson Adams, April 21, 1833, and has four children—Edward, Franklin, Judson and Nelson. Mr. Adams d. in 1843. Her second husband is Erastus Hull.

### 125. CAPT. LEWIS.

222. CHARLES, b. in Litchfield, in 1782; m. Miss Baldwin, of that town, and had several children. In Oct. 1815, he was commissioned Cornet of the 4th Company, 6th Regiment of Cavalry. He soon after removed to Brockville, Canada West, where he still resides.

223. DOTHA, b. in Litchfield; m. Timothy Churchill, of that town, Feb. 24, 1808. He d. in Litchfield, Aug. 11, 1842, aged 66; she d. in Rochester, N. Y., in 1854. Their children were—(1.) Lewis Kilbourn, b. Dec. 14, 1803; m. Olive Bradley, of Litchfield; he is now a resident of Rochester, N. Y. (2.) George, b. April 7, 1806; m. Mary A. Addis, Dec. 29, 1830—and d. in Litchfield, May 28, 1838; leaving one son, Charles, now a printer in Hartford. (3.) William, m. and settled in Rochester, N. Y., where he was elected an Alderman in 1849. (4.) Mary Ann, b. July 20, 1811; m. Elliot Hitchcock, who d. in 1849. (5.) Sophia, b. Dec. 17, 1814; m. Joseph H. Buel, of Holley, N. Y., Oct. 20, 1839. (6.) Maria, b. March 10, 1818. (7.) Julia, m. Jesse Tyler, April 28, 1832. (8.) Emeline, d. at the age of 25 years. (9.) Charles d. at the age of 16 years.

224. NORMAN, b. in Litchfield; d. in Lewisville, Penn., in 1813; unmarried.

225. BENJAMIN, b. in Litchfield; m. Amanda Millard, of Cornwall, Conn., July 1, 1821, and settled on the homestead of his ancestors, in Litchfield, where he still resides. His children are—Maria, Lydia Ann and Lewis Sherwood. Mr. Kilbourn was Collector of Town and State Taxes, and member of the Board of Civil Authority, from 1838 to 1841. For thirty years he was the senior partner in the firm of "Kilbourn & Braman," manufacturers and dealers in hats—which was, at its dissolution in 1854, the oldest business firm in town.*

226. LUCY, b. in St. Johns, Canada; m. John Savage, of Alburg, Vt., and d. in Shefford, Canada, a few years since, leaving several children settled around her. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren are now on the stage.

227. BETSEY, b. in St. Johns, Canada; m. Henry Curtis; she d. in 1808, leaving two daughters and a son, Joseph Curtis, of Cleveland, Ohio.

228. BENJAMIN, b. in 1789; m. Sophia Cooley, of Durham, C. E., and had children—Annis M., Charles P., Lydia, Joseph H., Lewis P., Lucy E., Benjamin N., Sophia, Ches-

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* FROM THE LITCHFIELD (CONN.) ENQUIRER—FEB. 6, 1834.

"At a meeting of the *Farmers and Mechanics of Litchfield*, holden at Parks' Hotel on Monday evening, Feb. 3, 1834, BENJAMIN KILBOURN was chosen Chairman, and SETH CATLIN, Clerk.

*Voted:* That a Committee of ten be appointed for the purpose of calling a meeting of the Farmers and Mechanics of the Town of Litchfield at some future day to nominate Representatives for the next General Assembly.

The following persons were chosen said Committee, viz., Tomlinson Wells, Samuel G. Braman, George H. Palmer, Julius Griswold, Jacob Moss, Henry Skilton, George M. Buel, Samuel Buel, 2d, and C. C. Goslee.

*Voted*, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Litchfield *Enquirer*.

S. CATLIN, *Clerk.* B. KILBOURN, *Chairman.*"

[The meeting called pursuant to the above vote, nominated for Representatives, Stephen Russell and Truman Smith, Esqrs., and they were elected. The same organization of "Farmers and Mechanics" also elected their candidates for Representatives in 1833, William Beebe and Asa Hopkins, Esqrs.]

ter, Daniel R., Victoria A. He d. in Roxton, C. E., in 1854. He was an orderly sergeant and adjutant during the last war between the United States and Great Britain.

### 126. COL. CHARLES.

229. COL. ALEXANDER, b. at Caldwell's Manor, N. Y., April 5, 1791; m. Thankful H. Bangs, of Stanstead; his children are Susan L. and Charles A. At the breaking out of what is known as the "patriot war," in 1836, he was appointed to the command of a company of provincials, called the Queen's Loyal Volunteers, which had been called into the regular service to aid in suppressing the outbreak. During the winter of 1836–'37, while on his way to secure some prisoners, he received a severe wound in the abdomen, which for a time disabled him. Subsequently he resigned his commission as captain of the Volunteers, and accepted an appointment of lieutenant colonel of militia, with a view of disciplining them for active service. But peace being restored, without his being again called upon, he resigned. He resides upon his father's homestead, in Stanstead, a few miles east of Lake Memphremagog, in Canada. By the proceedings of the Stanstead Co. Agricultural Society, for 1845, I find a premium awarded to "Col. Alexander Kilborn, for the best Farm" in the East Division of the county. Mrs. Kilborn d. July 26, 1853.

230. JOSEPH, b. at Caldwell's Manor, N. Y., in 1793; d. in 1808, aged 15 years.

231. NANCY, b. at Caldwell's Manor, in 1794; m. Stephen Cobb. She became deranged, and committed suicide, July 19, 1826, leaving five little children—all daughters.

232. SALLY ANN, d. at the age of 11 years.

233. MARY, m. Daniel Remick; she d. in Quebec, aged 19, leaving one child—Charles, now living in or near Cleveland, Ohio.

234 MATILDA, m. Capt. Eliphalet Bodwell, and had nine children—three or four of whom are dead. The family reside in Stanstead, C. E., near the shores of Lake Memphremagog.

235. LYDIA, b. in Stanstead; m. Edward Fitz Gerald Studdert, Esq., of Montreal, son of Sir Thomas Studdert, proprietor of Bunratty Castle,* on the river Shannon, in the county of Clare, Ireland. One of her sons is now (Nov., 1855,) on a visit to Ireland.

236. MARGARET, b. in Stanstead; d. young.

### 130. DAVID.

237. WHITING, b. in Leeds county, Canada West; settled in Gore District, above Lake Ontario, in 1816. He m. Polly Wood; his children are—Jared, Laura, Hannah, Jane, David and one or two others. Jared, the eldest son, is a Justice of the Peace and a local preacher of the Wesleyan

* This once celebrated castle is situated on the Clare side of the river Shannon, a few miles distant from Limerick. From the remains of the castle, it appears to have been a strong square pile of massive architecture, and like many other edifices of a similar kind, to have suffered much from various attacks of an enemy. In many places its walls have been deeply indented with cannon-shot.

On the division of the conquered lands in Ireland among the Anglo-Norman invaders, the territory of Thomond, which comprised within its limits the present county of Clare, fell to the lot of Richard and Thomas de Clare, younger sons of the Earl of Gloucester; with whom was joined Robert Mucegros, as joint proprietor. Mucegros obtained from Henry the Third, about the year 1250, the privilege of holding a market and fair at Bunratty, and in 1277, erected the original castle of Bunratty, near the banks of the Shannon; but in a short time he surrendered it to King Edward; who granted it, together with the whole territory of Thomond, to Richard de Clare, who made it his principal residence.

In 1305, the native Irish, jealous of the increasing power of their invaders besieged de Clare in this fortress; but their undisciplined bravery, and rude munitions of war, were unequal to the task of subduing the mural defences, and superior skill of their adversaries; and the castle of Bunratty remained unvanquished. Nor were the Irish the only enemies de Clare had to contend with. The invaders were divided among themselves; and in the year 1311, Richard Burke, Earl of Ulster, commonly called the *Red Earl*, came with a great army to besiege him in Bunratty, but the invading forces were met by the valiant de Clare, and under its walls defeated with great slaughter; John, the son of Lord Walter de Lacie, and many others being slain, and Lord William Burke, and the Earl of Ulster himself, being among the prisoners.

The natural result of this state of unnatural contention, and unceasing strife, speedily followed. Richard de Clare, although now victorious, was

Methodist Church. Mr. Whiting Kilborn is a highly esteemed citizen, and has long been a class leader of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

238. WILLIAM, b. in Leeds Co., Canada West; settled in Scriba, Oswego Co., N. Y., and d. there in 1847. He m. Eliza Lester, and had seven children, viz., Lester, Eliza Ann, Julia, Jane, Franklin, Bricea and George. His second wife was Margaret Wickwire.

239. COL. JOHN, b. in Elizabethtown, Leeds Co., Canada West, in June, 1794; m. Elizabeth Baldwin, of Litchfield, Conn., in 1818, and has had eight children, viz., Horace, Collins, Henry, Roderick, Mary, George, Edmund and William Price.

At the commencement of the war between the United States and Great Britain, in 1812, he was a clerk in a dry goods store in Brockville, and was seventeen years of age. He at once enlisted as a private in a regiment then being

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shortly afterwards slain; and the native Irish, again taking courage, attacked the English settlers, drove them from their possessions, and in 1314 burnt the town of Bunratty to the ground.

It appears the castle held out for some time longer, for we find that, in 1327, the King had assigned to Robert de Wells, and Matilda, his wife, one of the heiresses of Thomas de Clare, deceased, among other possessions, the Castle and lands of Bunratty; and had appointed Robert de Sutton constable of the Castle, and guardian of the lands. The charge must have been considered of importance from the amount of the salary assigned; namely, £40 per annum, and other appurtenances, a considerable sum in those days; but his endeavors to preserve his trust were ineffectual, for in the year 1332, the Castle was taken and sacked by the Irish of Thomond.

Bunratty Castle was subsequently recovered, and re-edified, and became one of the principal seats of the Earls of Thomond, in whose possession it remained until the civil dissensions of the seventeenth century, when it became again the object of contention to the conflicting parties. In it the Earl of Thomond was closely besieged during the year 1642, and in 1649 it fell into the hands of the overwhelming Cromwell; in whose power it remained during the usurpation; and in it General Ludlow resided for some time during the year 1653; the effects of these successive attacks are still visible, in the shattered appearance of the walls; and several cannon balls have been found about it, one of which weighed thirty-nine pounds.

Bunratty gives name to a barony and parish, in the diocese of Killaloe, is situated near the town of Meelick, and is distant from Dublin about ninety-seven miles.

Thomas Studdert, Esq., of Bunratty Castle, was recently, (and perhaps *now* is,) the High Sheriff of the County of Clare. He is a son of Sir Thomas Studdert.—*Dublin Penny Journal, Dec.* 7, 1833.

raised for duty on the frontier; and was with the expedition under Col. Lethbridge, which made the unsuccessful attack on Ogdensburgh, in September, 1812. Soon after this he was made a Sergeant, and was with the Division of the army which *captured* Ogdensburgh, in February, 1813. About the time of this latter event, the Parliament of Upper Canada authorized the raising of a Provincial Regiment to serve *during the war*, and Mr. Kilborn received an Ensign's commission in the said Regiment, which was speedily raised and embodied in the regular service. They remained on duty at Fort Wellington until the spring of 1814, and were then ordered to Toronto, (then called *York*,) where they remained until July 3d, when news arrived that the American army under Generals Brown and Scott had crossed over and taken Fort Erie. The regiment immediately marched for the Niagara frontier; where, on the 25th of July, the two armies met on the field of *Lundy's Lane*. In this action, (which proved so disastrous to the British troops,) Ensign Kilborn was taken prisoner, and with others sent to Greenbush, N. Y., and from thence to Cheshire, Mass., where he was detained on parole until the following March, when the tidings of peace reached this country, and the prisoners were set at liberty.

Mr. Kilborn returned directly home, and engaged in the mercantile business. In 1820, he received a Captain's commission; was made Major in 1830, and Lieut. Colonel in 1845. This last is the highest office in the militia of Canada—all of a higher grade belonging exclusively to the standing army. He was in active service, in command, during the Patriot War of 1837 and '38.

In 1818, when but twenty-four years of age, the subject of this notice was a candidate for the Provincial Parliament of Upper Canada—the county of Leeds then being entitled to one member—but his competitor, the late Hon. Charles Jones, was returned by a small majority. In 1828, he was

elected to represent his native county in Parliament, by an overwhelming majority—receiving about one thousand votes out of twelve hundred. He served his constituents in that body for two years, until the House was dissolved on the decease of George IV. He has often since been strongly importuned to become a candidate for re-election, but has uniformly declined—except in a single instance, and for a brief period. This exception was in Feb., 1847, when having been nominated by a political organization, he consented to stand as a candidate on the liberal interest, and addressed the electors as such. The Writ of Election, however, not being issued at the time it was anticipated, he *withdrew* from the contest, and Hon. William Richards (since Attorney General,) was nominated by the same organization, and was elected.* In 1830, he was appointed a Magistrate, and has

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* FROM THE BROCKVILLE (CANADA) RECORDER—APRIL, 1847.

COL. KILBORN'S ADDRESS.

"It affords us much pleasure to be enabled to lay Mr. Kilborn's Address before the electors of Leeds. In Mr. Kilborn, they have a candidate whose personal honesty and integrity are untainted, and whose interests are closely connected with their own—contrasting most favorably with the wily, tortuous, office-seeking course pursued by the man whom he is called on by his fellow-citizens to oppose. No man need be ashamed to give his vote for Mr. Kilborn; nor will any be under the necessity of resorting to the paltry subterfuge adopted by some of the tories at the last election," &c.

"TO THE ELECTORS OF LEEDS.

"*Gentlemen*—On the third of February last, I was presented with a requisition, numerously and respectably signed by my fellow Electors, soliciting me to stand as a candidate for your suffrages on the recurrence of an Election for this County. I informed the requisitionists that I responded to their call, and would accordingly offer myself for the high honor of representing you in Parliament, whenever you are called upon to exercise the elective franchise.

That period has arrived, in consequence of Mr. Gowan, your late Representative, having, as I understand, accepted office. I now come forward to redeem my promise and to crave your united and cordial support.

I consider it quite unnecessary to enter into a lengthened explanation of the political principles which I hold, and which would direct me were I returned as your Representative. It will be sufficient to state that they have undergone no change since the year 1829, when I had the honor of representing you in the Legislature of Upper Canada. On the contrary, the occurrences which have transpired since that time have tended to root me more steadfastly in my political faith. Should I attain the distinguished dignity of again becoming your Representative, I shall contend for the strictest ministerial responsibility, and resist any and every attempt which may be made to overthrow or pervert the resolutions of 1841. These are our guaranty for what is

continued in that office until the present time. In 1849, he was appointed an Associate Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench; and in 1851, was commissioned as Postmaster at Brockville—both of which offices, (together with that of Justice of the Peace) he now holds. He is a "liberal" in

usually termed Responsible Government, and by me they shall be defended and cherished as essentially necessary for the preservation of that nicely balanced form of Government under which England has become so powerful and free, and without the administration of which in its essence in this Province, the people will never be contented.

My closest attention shall be given to the promotion of the interests of the agriculturist—in whose prosperity of all others I participate. I will endeavor to watch over the interests of the country at large, and aid in the removal of all abuses; and no efforts shall be wanting on my part to develop the resources of the Province, to remove all restrictions on trade and the navigation of our waters, and in a word, to render the commerce of the Colony (unless for purposes of revenue,) as free as the air we breathe.

Gentlemen, it is you who have drawn me into my present position, and upon you do I throw myself with unbounded confidence, believing you will carry me through the approaching contest honorably and triumphantly.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,
Your obedient and faithful servant.
JOHN KILBORN.

Newborough, [Leeds county, Canada,] 6th April, 1847."

"TO THE ELECTORS OF LEEDS.

"*Gentlemen*—In the month of February, and during the late session of the United Parliament, a requisition was presented me by many respectable Electors, requesting me to stand as a candidate for the representation of this county—it being confidently expected that a Writ of Election would immediately be issued.

Fully impressed with this belief myself, after some hesitation, I complied with the urgent request of my friends, and subsequently addressed the Electors to that effect.

That session is now closed without the looked for Writ, and another yet to come, will in all probability be got through with as the late one. We have therefore no sufficient reason to expect this county will be called on, until the General Election in 1848. For these and other reasons, I have deemed it my duty thus early to apprise my friends and the electors generally, of my determination to decline the honor they desired to confer on me.

My grateful thanks I cheerfully tender, not only to particular friends, but to the Electors of all shades of politics, who have cheerfully and cordially tendered me their support, and in many instances beyond my expectations.

In conclusion I would observe, that I consented to my nomination at the time, only in consideration of the emergency in which the county seemed placed. That crisis having passed, I trust the step I now take will not be disapproved of by the Electors, more especially when they are aware that my consent was given under the circumstances above alluded to—but at the same time much against my own feelings and interests.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,
Your obedient and faithful servant,
JOHN KILBORN.

Newborough, (Canada,) September, 1847."

politics, and a thorough friend of religion, liberty, and popular education.*

240. POLLY, b. in Leeds county, Canada West; m. William Henry Eastman, a native of Connecticut. They are both dead.

241. PAMELA, b. in Leeds county, C. W.; m. Amos Coolidge, and removed to Wellsboro', Tioga Co., Penn., where she died, leaving a large family. Her son, Amos Coolidge, m. Mary Kilborn, daughter of the late David Kilborn, Esq., of Hector, Potter Co., Penn., and now resides in Delmar, Tioga Co., Penn.

242. NANCY, b. in Leeds county, C. W.; m. Rowland Blackmore, and resides with her children near Brockville, C. W. Her husband has been dead several years.

243. ABIGAIL, b. in Leeds county, C. W.; m. Truman Hurd, Esq., of Kempville, C. W. Their children are—(1.) Henry, Bailiff of the Division Courts. (2.) Edwin, formerly a merchant at Newborough, Leeds Co.; now in the United States. (3.) Alpheus, a lawyer. (4.) Elizabeth. (5.) Augustus. (6.) Kilborn, studied law, but resides on the homestead in Kempville. Truman Hurd, Esq., d. in 1854.

244. BETSEY, b. in Leeds county, C. W.; m. John Stone, of Scriba, Oswego Co., N. Y., where she still resides. She has a large family.

245. CATHARINE, b. in Leeds county, C. W.; m. Hial Hurd, and lives in Elmsley, near the Rideau canal. She has several children.

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* [From the "Annual Report of the Normal, Model and Common Schools in Canada West, for the year 1851, by E. Ryerson, Chief Superintendent of Schools:"]

"Many are in favor of Free Schools this year who opposed them last year. As far as I know, there is no prejudice of any force now against that noble system of supporting public education, except one, and that one would have no force if Free Schools cost nothing. It is not always the case, however, that those who would have most to pay show the most opposition; for I could name Colonel KILBORN, and others, men of much property, who warmly advocate the principle."—*Sub-Report of the Rev. Matthew Connor, of Bedford.*

246. BRICEA, b. in Leeds county, C. W.; m. John Clothier, and settled on the Rideau canal. She has a large family.

### 131. SAMUEL.*

247. JAMES, b. in Kitley, C. W.; m. Sarah Stone, and resides in his native town. His children are—Hiram, Pamelia, Samuel, Truman, Adela, Melissa, Levi, James, Sinai, Abigail, Culver and Lucretia. He was an Ensign in the war of 1812; and is now a Deacon of the Baptist Church.

248. BENJAMIN, b. in Kitley, C. W.; m. Rachel Benedict, and had six children, viz., Joseph, Virgil, John, Phebe, Vincent and Newton. He was an officer in the war of 1812. He resided in his native town up to the time of his death, which occurred in September, 1855.

249. SAMUEL, b. in Kitley, C. W.; d. young.

250. HANNAH, b. in Kitley, C. W.; m. John Robinson, and has seven children, viz., Mary, Lucy, Jane, Benjamin, Hiram, William and one other—name unknown.

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* FROM THE BROCKVILLE (CANADA) RECORDER, OF JUNE 10, 1847.

"PATRIARCHAL.—Mr. *Samuel Kilborn*, who is a resident of the township of Kitley, and one of its first settlers, states that he is now seventy-eight years old, and his wife seventy-five years of age. They have thirteen children, seventy-five grandchildren, and twenty-five great-grandchildren. Mr. Kilborn also says he has seen the sixth generation. He is still quite comfortable as to health, and was recently in this town, for which he had to travel some twenty miles."

It may here be added that during the summer of 1847, Mr. Kilborn, (then in his *seventy-eighth* year,) traveled nearly 400 miles to visit his daughter, Mrs. Brown, then residing at Bergen, Genesee Co., N. Y. The writer of this paragraph, having the pleasure of accompanying the venerable old gentleman some distance on his journey, found him in the enjoyment of excellent health and spirits. He enjoyed the steamboat trip on Lake Ontario in the highest degree; his enthusiastic observation of scenery, his sprightly movements, genial sociality and buoyancy of spirits made him a most agreeable traveling companion, and were remarkable characteristics for a man of his years. He retained his physical and mental powers until within a few months of his death which occurred in 1849. An active, enterprising, honorable, useful business life was succeeded by a happy, green old age, and a peaceful death at the advanced age of nearly four-score years.—P. V. K.

251. TRUMAN, b. in Kitley, C. W.; m. Sally Johnson, and had one child, Asahel, who resides in Elmsley, C. W., where Mr. Kilborn lived and died.

252. LUCY, b. in Kitley, C. W.; m. Samuel Brown, of Yonge, C. W. Her children are—Abigail, Samuel, Vincent and Nathaniel. About the year 1835, they removed to Bergen, Genesee Co., N. Y., where she died in 1848.

253. REV. ASAHEL G., b. in Kitley, Leeds county, C. W., Oct., 1800. At an early age he manifested an ardent desire for knowledge, and was often chided by his young companions for his studious and thoughtful habits. As the section of country where his father had settled (on emigrating from Litchfield, a few years previous,) had but just been reclaimed from an almost unbroken wilderness, the advantages for even a common school education, were of course as yet extremely limited. About the year 1815, however, a High School was established by Rev. Mr. Bell, at Perth, some thirty miles distant, which school the subject of this sketch entered at about the age of seventeen. His parents being zealous members of the Church of England, cherished the hope that by educating their son in this theological school, conducted by a Church clergyman, he would ultimately devote himself to the work of the ministry in that Church. But Providence had otherwise ordered. About this time, several itinerant preachers of the Methodist denomination, were creating much religious excitement throughout that part of the Province, and extraordinary revivals attended their labors. At first, they met with much opposition, but in many instances their most determined opposers soon became their most zealous converts. As there was then no stated ministry in the town where Mr. Kilborne resided, some of the family at length consented to go and hear the revivalists, and the result was that the subject of this notice, together with his mother and two or three sisters, soon became members of the Methodist Church.

In the year 1823, Mr. Kilborne married Miss Sophia Elmore, (a native of Blandford, Mass.,) daughter of Dr. Joseph Elmore,* then of Elizabethtown, C. W., and settled in his native town, upon a farm adjoining the homestead. About two years after he exchanged this farm for another situated about a mile distant, where he has continued to reside for the last thirty years. On account of indifferent health and a change in his religious sentiments, he had sometime previous to his marriage, partially discontinued his theological studies; and now devoted himself to the cultivation of his lands, and the promotion of the educational and religious interests of the place. His stern integrity, earnest practical piety, and efficient services in the Church of his choice, have secured him the friendship and esteem of all who know him. After having discharged the duties of class-leader and steward for several years, with unwavering fidelity and zeal, Mr. Kilborne was at length prevailed upon to enter upon the work of the ministry, and about the year 1840, he received a license to preach. He has, however, never entered the regular "itinerant connexion;" but has attended two or three appointments in the vicinity almost every Sabbath for the last fifteen years, with no other reward but the happy consciousness of fulfilling his duty in endeavoring to call sinners to repentance. Though his health is quite impaired, he frequently travels from twenty-five to thirty miles on the Sabbath, preaching two or three extempore sermons, without complaint of fatigue. When recently entreated by a friend to give himself a little more rest in his declining years, he emphatically replied—"I must work while I live."

* Dr. Elmore was a native of Danbury, Conn.; married Miss Sophia Robinson, of Granville, Mass, and emigrated to Canada about the year 1807. During the war of 1812, he was appointed a surgeon in one of the British regiments; and for more than a quarter of a century after was one of the most extensive and successful practitioners in Leeds county. His son, Publius V. Elmore, Esq., is a highly respected and prominent citizen of Belleville, C. W., whose only surviving son, William R. Elmore, was educated at Victoria College, and has recently received the appointment of Resident Engineer on the Grand Trunk Railway.

Though a firm supporter of the Reform party, Mr. Kilborne has always carefully eschewed political notoriety and patronage. He also has a peculiar aversion to litigation and all legal proceedings, has never participated in any law-suit whatever, and has never had occasion to be present at Court, except in a few instances, when summoned as a Juryman.

In his domestic and social relations, he is eminently favored; his companion is one of the excellent of the earth; his immediate family circle is yet unbroken by the hand of death; he has seen his children's children; and is enjoying a competence of earthly good. A more changeless, happy, even-tenored life than his has been thus far, has seldom fallen to the lot of mortals. He has five children—Publius V., Philander S., Lucy Adaline, Ira B. and Lydia Emeline..

254. ABIGAIL, b. in Kitley, C. W.; m. Moses Holt, of Aylmer, C. W. She d. in 1844, leaving three children viz., Moses, Charlotte and Charles.

255. CLARISSA, b. in Kitley, C. W.; m. Gideon Leahy, of that town, and has had seven children, viz., Nelson, Maria, Delorme, (dead), Franklin, Lydia Sophia, Herbert and Charles.

256. POLLY, b. in Kitley, C W.; m. the Rev. Joseph Fletcher, a local preacher of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Elizabethtown, C. W. They have two children—Charles and George.

257. LYDIA, b. in Kitley; d. unmarried at about the age of twenty years.

258. CHARLES, b. in Kitley, C. W.; m. Olive Benedict, of that town, and resides on the old homestead. He has five children—Delorme, Maria, Almira, and two others —names not given.

132. CAPT. JOSEPH.

259. WILLIAM V., b. in Ascott, Canada; drowned in St. Francis River, May 4, 1829, aged twenty-two years.

260. COL. JOSEPH HENRY, b. in Westbury, Canada, May 9th, 1809; m. Susan Hughes, March, 18, 1832. During the "patriot war" he was a leading member of the committee of vigilance, and a captain in the patriot service; was arrested and imprisoned at Toronto; had five private examinations before a board of commissioners—was permitted to speak in his own defence, and was acquitted. Again he engaged with enthusiasm in the patriot cause, was again arrested, and obtained his release by enlisting into the Queen's service; after proceeding thirty miles with the soldiers, he made his escape, and ultimately reached Michigan in safety, where he permanently located. In 1842, he was appointed Postmaster at Sanford, Ingham Co., and was soon after commissioned as a Notary Public; in 1847, he was elected a member of the Legislature of Michigan, and was re-elected in 1849.* In the year last named, he was elected commander of the 46th regiment of Michigan militia, and received a Colonel's commission from Governor Ransom.

On the 25th of March, 1852, leaving his family in Michigan, Col. Kilborn started on the overland route for California, and after a tedious journey of nearly *four months*, reached the first "mining district," in Bute county, July 19th; and three weeks later, located at Rabbit Creek, Sierra county, fifty-five miles northeast of Marysville, where he still remains. He has been thus far engaged in merchandising and mining—and, it is understood, with good success. At the general election, Sept. 5th, 1855, he was the democratic candidate for Representative to the California Legislature, for Sierra county, but I believe was beaten by the candidate of the American or "Know Nothing" party. Col. Kilborn has a high reputation as a man of honor and honesty; and

* The county of Ingham (in which Lansing, the capital of the State is located,) was then entitled to but one member of the House of Representatives. In 1847, the whole number of votes cast for Representative was 1066—of which Kilborn, (dem.) received 507; Morgan, (whig) 505; Smith, (free soil) 54. Kilborn's plurality 2. In 1849, the whole number of votes was 1501—of which Kilborn, (dem.) received 705; Longyear, (whig) 512; Phelps, (free soil) 284. Kilborn's plurality 193.

has been for many years a steward and class-leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has several children, but I have not all their names.*

261. CAROLINE C., b. in Elizabethtown, Canada, Dec. 17, 1811.

262. CLARISSA M., b. in Kingston, C. W., Nov. 6, 1814; d. in Westbury, Canada, March 17, 1815.

### 134. WILLIAM.

263. WILLIAM HENRY, Esq., "Government Surveyor for Canada West," resides in the city of Kingston on the north shore of Lake Ontario. He was formerly a very successful medical practitioner of the Botanic System, and still practices occasionally during epidemic seasons.† Mr. Kilborn is a zealous and prominent member of the Irvingite Church. He m. Sarah O'Keefe, of that city, and has eight daughters, viz., Maria, Margaret, Susannah, Catharine, Mary, Harriet, Sarah and Lydia—all married but the two youngest. Mr. Kilborn stands at the head of his profession, and is a highly respected, intelligent and influential citizen. His

* William V. the eldest son of Col, Kilborn, is now with his father in California. During the Legislative session of 1849, though but a lad of fifteen years, he was appointed Messenger to the Michigan House of Representatives, and was highly complimented by the Speaker and members for his promptness and general good conduct. The name of the second son of Col. Kilbourn, is Samuel S.

† A correspondent relates the following incident, illustrating the characteristic benevolence of the subject of this notice; also, his admirable self-possession in a case of perilous emergency:

"During the cholera season of 1851, an urgent business transaction required *Dr.* Kilborn, (as he is usually called,) to visit the city of New York. While stopping in the city, he had occasion one evening to pass through the "infected district," when his attention was suddenly arrested by a loud groaning and other sounds of distress, proceeding from a tenement which he was passing. Seeing a number of persons standing about the open door, he turned aside to learn the cause of the excitement. On entering the room, he found a poor woman stricken with the fearful scourge, and apparently in a dying condition; and learned that the attending physician had given her up to die. Acting upon the motto, "while there is life, there is hope," Dr. Kilborn at once resolved, if possible, to save the woman's life. Having with him a well filled medicine case, he promptly administered to the suffering woman some of his most powerful botanic remedies, and after observing their desired effect, left other preparations and the necessary directions with an attendant, and proceeded on his way. As he was passing out of the house, some of the ignorant bystanders, (alarmed at the sudden and powerful effects of the medicine,) said that "the

uniform, practical piety, his many unassuming deeds of benevolence, and acts of kindness to the suffering poor, have won him the deep and universal esteem of all who know him. Mrs. K. died several years since.

264. CATHARINE, d. some years since.

265. MARIA, m. Bazil D. Rorison, and resides at Westport, C. W. She has several children.

266. LYDIA, m. a Mr. Mott, and d. several years ago.

267. POLLY, m. Thomas Nisdell, and lives on the river St. Lawrence, near Brockville, C. W. She has one daughter, Catharine.*

138. JEREMIAH.

268. LUCRETIA, b. in Litchfield, Jan. 29, 1786; is still living in her native town, (unmarried).

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stranger had poisoned the woman;" and before he had proceeded far he found himself suddenly assaulted by a party of desperate Irishmen, who pushed him into a dark, narrow alley, and began to beat him in a violent manner. The Dr. was totally unarmed; but recollecting his reliable medical protectives, he took from his pocket a box of *Cayenne pepper*, and quickly applied it to the ugly visages of the cowardly ruffians. The effect was instantaneous. The Cayenne filling their open mouths and eyes, they suddenly staggered back, completely bewildered, bellowing and wildly exclaiming, "*Vitriol man*, police, police!" Some policeman hearing the outcry, came up, and supposing they had captured the notorious "*Vitriol man*," hurried them all to the Tombs, where the doctor passed a sleepless night in a dark, loathsome cell, as a reward for his noble impulse in acting the part of the good Samaritan towards the dying stranger. In the morning, he was arraigned before the Police Court, to answer to the charge of throwing vitriol on certain persons. The Dr. being called upon to give an account of himself, briefly related the circumstances of his adventure, and coolly producing from his pocket the remainder of his potent vegetable powder, submitted it to the Court for examination. Finding that the application of cold water and a night's sleep had restored the vision of the accusers, the Dr. was acquitted. He was well satisfied that his cowardly assailants had suffered sufficiently, and declined preferring any charge against them for their desperate assault. They departed, declaring that "the plaguey red hot powther had like to have been the dith if us." On returning to his patient, the Dr. found her rapidly recovering, and in a few days she was restored to health. He refused any compensation for his services; and departed as the poor woman invoked many blessings upon him, and her friends rendered him their warmest thanks for his timely and effectual aid.

In the city where he resides, Dr. Kilborn has, in several instances, during the prevalence of cholera, succeeded in saving the lives of those whose cases had been pronounced incurable by the most popular allopathic physicians. It should also be added, that in his active and charitable labors among the poor and suffering, he is materially aided and encouraged by the kind ministrations of his amiable, faithful, and devoted daughter, Mary."

* There may be other members of William Kilborn's family besides those here named, though, if so, I have not succeeded in finding them.

269. NOAH, b. in Litchfield, Nov. 11, 1787; m. Thirza, daughter of John Kilborn, of that town. He d. Aug. 23, 1827, aged 40; she d. July 22, 1828, aged 32.

270. FREEMAN, b. in Litchfield, May 28, 1789; m. Almira, daughter of James Tryon, of his native town, and settled in Sheldon, Wyoming county, N. Y., where he d. in 1828, leaving five children, viz., Ruth, Ann, Jeremiah, Lucretia, Freeman and Almira.

271. PUTNAM, b. in Litchfield, June 10, 1791; m. Catharine, daughter of Solomon Kilborn, (then of Litchfield, but afterwards of Benson, Vt.) Jan. 12, 1814. Their children are—Hiram G., Rollin F., Jeremiah, Abigail, Hobart, Charles P., Clarissa J. and Charles Martin. Mr. Kilbourn has been a Grand Juror, Selectman, member of the Board of Relief, President of the Litchfield Vigilant Society, and Justice of the Peace. In 1843, the Legislature appointed him State Commissioner of the Torrington Turnpike Company; and in 1850, 1852 and 1853, he was appointed State Commissioner of the Litchfield and New Milford Turnpike Company. Mr. Kilbourn has also been a Vestryman of St. Michael's parish for ten years, and has frequently been a Delegate to the Annual Episcopal Conventions of the State.

272. ANNE, b. in Litchfield, April 12, 1793; m. Darius Turrell, of Winchester, Feb. 6, 1823. She d. in Winsted, in 1828, leaving two children, viz., Anne, who d. unmarried, and Betsey Ann, who m. Orestes Palmer, Esq., of Goshen.

273. ALMIRA, b. in Litchfield, Sept. 29, 1795; m. Lewis G. Humiston, now of Winsted, in Sept. 1818, and has four children, viz. (1.) Ann, m. Allen Barnes, of Colebrook. (2.) William, of Winsted. (3.) Lucy, m. Captain Alvah Stone, of Litchfield. (4.) Asa.

274. NANCY, b. in Litchfield, May 9, 1799; m. Harmon Stoddard, of that town. She d. in June, 1853, leaving three children—Homer, Frederick and Freeman.

275. LOVINA, b. in Litchfield, April 21, 1804; m Roswell Hart, of Winsted, Jan. 6, 1825.

139. SOLOMON.

276. CLARISSA, b. in Litchfield; m. Jesse Chesebrough, of Manlius, N. Y.; her children are—Orrin P., Solomon, Clarissa and Cornelia.

277. BENJAMIN, b. in Litchfield; m. and settled in Danville, Steuben Co., N. Y., where he died. His children are—(1.) Martha, m. the Hon. Joel Carrington, of Danville, N. Y. (2.) Clarissa A., unmarried—lives in Danville. (3.) Mary, unmarried—lives in Danville.

278. CATHARINE, b. in Litchfield; m. Putnam Kilbourn, Esq., of that town, where both are now living.

279. SOLOMON, b. in Litchfield; m. Eliza, daughter of David Farnham, July 20, 1824, and settled in Benson, Vt., where he d., leaving a son, Solomon Edson, who is now a resident of Hampton, Washington Co., N. Y.

280. HULDAH, m. Harvey Stevens, of Dewitt, N. Y. She d. a few years since. Her children are—Seraph, Catharine, Lucy, Addison, Alvah, Alonzo and Sarah.

281. THOMAS FREEMAN, m. Keziah, widow of David Farnham, and resides in Greenville, Dark Co., Ohio.

282. ABIGAIL.

283. MARIA.

142. WHITMAN.

284. MYRON, *A. M.*, b. in Litchfield, Oct. 10, 1801; graduated at Hamilton College, in 1823. He m. Sophronia Abbe, (sister of Dr. Alanson Abbe, formerly of Litchfield,) and spent several years as a classical teacher in Kentucky. He became an early settler of Henry county, Iowa, where he has been a Justice of the Peace. His post office address is Lowell, Henry Co., Iowa. He has had four children.

285. ETHAN, b. in Litchfield, Aug. 18, 1803; m. Thankful, daughter of Deac. Amos Bishop, May 31, 1830,

and settled in the parish of Milton in his native town. He has two children—Ruth Osborn and Amos Whitman. Mr. Kilbourn was the Delegate from the Church and Society of Milton to the Convention of the two Consociations of Litchfield County, at their Centennial Celebration at Litchfield, July 7 and 8, 1852.*

286. LEWIS, b. in Litchfield, May 31, 1806; m. Eliza McEwen, and settled in Akron, Ohio, where he still resides. In 1852, he went on the "overland route" to California, where he spent several months. In the spring of 1853, he published in the "Litchfield Enquirer," an interesting narrative of his journey, in several chapters, under the general title of "*Tour over the Continent.*" His children are—Amelia, William Whitman, Ellen, (dead,) and Julia.

287. ELIADA, b. in Litchfield, Feb. 20, 1809; m. Mary Ann, daughter of Charles Dudley, of Litchfield, Nov. 1, 1843. He resides in his native town, on the homestead of his ancestors. His children are—Myron Eliada, b. Nov. 1, 1844; Charles Dudley, b. April 22, 1847; Caroline Rhoda, b. March 25, 1850; and Florilla Mary Ann, b. July 5, 1853.

288. AMANDA, b. in Litchfield, Sept. 25, 1811; m. James Baldwin Peck, of Litchfield, Sept. 9, 1840. Their children are—Ellen Amanda, b. Dec. 6, 1845, and Walter Kilbourn, b. July 18, 1849.

289. REV. JAMES, *A. M.*, b. in Litchfield, May 29, 1816; he was for two or three years a student in Yale College, but left without graduating; and soon after entered the Theological Department of that Institution, where he graduated in 1843. On the 21st of Feb., 1844, he was ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational Church in Bridgewater, Litchfield County, Conn., where he remained until 1850, when he was dismissed at his own request. After preaching

* At the Annual Cattle Show and Fair of the "Litchfield County Agricultural Society," a few years since, the premium for the best Farm in the County, was awarded to Mr. Ethan Kilbourn, of Milton.

for two or three years, as a stated supply in Colebrook and Prospect, he was installed Pastor of the Church in Middle Haddam, Middlesex County, Conn., May 4, 1853—where he still remains. He was married to Amelia Cynthia, daughter of the Rev. Bela Kellogg, of Avon, Conn., Dec. 12, 1838. Mr. Kilbourn received the Honorary Degree of *Master of Arts* at Yale College, in 1851. His children are—Henrietta Fellar, James Kellogg, Edward Osborn, (dead,) and Edward Bela.

148. JOSEPH.

290. HENRY, b. in Williamstown, Vermont, July 22, 1795; m. Dorcas Sater. He d. in Ohio, Nov. 11, 1845, leaving no descendants.

291. MIRANDA, b. in Williamstown, Vt.; m. James H. Scott, and had five children, viz., Andrew, Joseph, James, Henderson and William H. She lived and died in Hamilton county, Ohio.

292. ELECTA, b. in Williamstown, Vt.; m. William Jacobs; and after his death, she became the wife of Joseph Dolph. She d. leaving her only child an infant.

293. HANNAH, b. in Williamstown, Vt.; m. John Foster, of Hamilton county, Ohio, and has eight children, viz., George, Harriet, Eliza, Henry, Caroline, Jane, Joseph and John.

294. CLARISSA, b. in Williamstown, Vt.; m. John Fear, and had one child who d. young. Her second husband is Amos Williamson, with whom she removed to Pike county, Illinois, where she now resides and has a family.

295. PERLEY H., b. in Vermont; m. Hester Stockton, in Butler county, Ohio, and settled in Greenville, Dark county, in that State, where he is now living. He has several children.

296. SALOME, b. in Hamilton county, Ohio; m. George Riter, and removed to Rush county, Indiana, where she is now living with a large family.

297. DAMARIS, b, in Hamilton county, Ohio; m. Howard Miller; removed to Iowa, and d. soon after.

298. HON. JONATHAN, b. in Hamilton county, Ohio, in 1817; m. Susan M. Lutes, May 12, 1841. Their children are—Sarah, Emma, Louisa and Perley-Payne.

At the early age of five years, he was suddenly deprived of both his parents; and he has worked his way, alone, from poverty to competence and honor. In early manhood he was a teacher and surveyor; but finally commenced business as a merchant in Ross, Butler county. In 1842, (at the age of twenty-five years,) he was elected a Justice of the Peace for that county, and on the accession of Mr. Polk to the Presidency, he received the appointment of Postmaster. From 1840 to 1850, he was Treasurer of the "Coleraine and Venice Bridge Company"—during which period some $30,000 of the Company's funds passed through his hands; in 1849, he was chosen Secretary of the "Colerain, Oxford and Brookville Turnpike Company," at the same time holding the office of Township Assessor. He continued to be re-elected to the office of Magistrate for a period of ten years, and until he declined. It is sufficient to say, that of the several hundred cases that were brought before him, not one was ever appealed.

On the approach of the General Election of 1850, the democracy of Butler county began seriously to consider what course they should pursue in the nomination of candidates. There had been so much intrigue in conventions, through the delegate system, that the people had become much displeased with them. In consequence of this feeling, the democratic Central Committee of the County called a mass meeting to decide upon their future course of action. After due deliberation, a resolution was passed, that on the last Saturday in August the democratic voters should meet in their several towns, at the usual places of holding the elections, and there vote for such candidates as they would sus-

tain for the several offices within their gift; that the votes so cast should be carried to the County seat and counted; and that the persons having the highest number of votes for the several stations, should be the nominees of the party. This course was adopted and resulted in the nomination of Mr. Kilbourn (the subject of this sketch,) for State Senator, by a vote of more than two-thirds over all others. On the 8th of October following, (1850,) he was elected Senator for the term of two years, by a majority of 1166—receiving (with the exception of Governor Wood,) the largest vote and the heaviest majority given for any of the nineteen candidates for different offices, in the county. When the Legislature assembled at Columbus in the following December, Mr. Kilbourn was appointed a member of the Committee on Public Printing and the Committee on the Penitentiary. On the 17th of June, 1851, the Constitutional Convention, (which had long been in session,) adopted a new Constitution of Ohio, which vacated every State office, cut short the terms of the Senators and Representatives, and re-districted the State. By this arrangement, the large whig county of Warren was added to Butler in the formation of a new Senatorial District—the two counties embracing a constituency of nearly 57,000 persons. In October, 1851, the first general election under the new constitution took place; and Mr. Kilbourn was returned to the Senate by a majority of 330—the ordinary *whig* majority of Warren county being about 900. His opponent in this contest was one of the most substantial, prominent and wealthy men in Butler county, who had been a Judge for ten years. At the session which immediately followed, Mr. Kilbourn was appointed Chairman of the Standing Committee on Public Works and Public Lands—a most important and responsible position. The total value of the Public Works of the State at that time was about sixteen millions of dollars, and of the Public Lands there were about ninety-seven thousand acres. He also served on the Committee on Fees and Salaries, and on

the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill for Reorganizing the State Treasury. The post of Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, to which he was appointed, he felt himself called upon to decline in consequence of the pressure of other official duties. At various times he presided over the Senate, in Committee of the Whole—on one occasion occupying the Chair for several days in succession, during the debate on the Tax Bill. Several of his Reports, which were printed in a pamphlet form, evince great industry and research, as well as talents of a high order.

On the 24th of January, 1853, while a member of the Senate, Mr. Kilbourn was regularly admitted before the Supreme Court of Ohio, to practice in all the Courts of the State as an Attorney at Law and Solicitor in Chancery. In 1854, he removed to Danville, Vermillion county, Illinois—his present residence—where, it is understood, he is doing duty both as a lawyer and surveyor.

### 150. TIMOTHY.

299. ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 1, 1793; m. Sylvanus Reynolds, of Middlesex county, C. W; she has had five daughters and one son, viz., (1.) Theodocia, m. Jacob Cooley. (2.) Mary, m. Jacob Swartz. (3.) Susannah, m. George McKay. (4.) Harriet, m. Robert Roberts. (5.) Louisa, unmarried. (6.) Sylvanus, unmarried.

300. HARRIET, b. Sept. 6, 1795; m. William Schram, of Middlesex county, C. W., and had eleven children, viz. (1.) Benjamin, m. Jane Ticknor, and had four children. (2.) Timothy, m. Louisa Ashwell, and has three sons. (3.) Jeremiah, m. Jane Ireland, and has one son. (4.) George W., d. young. (5.) Paulina, m. J. Carns. (6.) Mary C., m. George Ireland. (7.) Peter. (8.) Robert. (9.) Horace. (10.) Edward. (11.) Adeline. They nearly all reside in Westminster, C. W.

301. BENJAMIN, b. in Delaware, C. W., May 9, 1798: m. Avis Sumner, and has had five sons, and four daughters viz., Harvey, Timothy, Tyler, Richard, Henry, Alvira, Lanel, Lucretia, and Louisa:—all single, and living in Westminster.

302. HORACE, b. in Delaware, C. W., May 26, 1800; m. Miss Sells, in 1830, and has eleven children, viz., Clemment, Timothy, John, Horace, Elizabeth, Joseph, Mary, Clarissa Jane, Sarah Ann, Horace H., and George B.:—all single, and all living in Delaware, C. W., except Horace, Jr., who is deceased.

303. CLARISSA, b. June 1, 1802; m. Peter McKay, of Middlesex county, C. W.; she has no children.

304. TIMOTHY, Jr., b. in Delaware, C. W., Nov. 3, 1805; m. Delight Wells, in 1828, who d. some years since. His second wife is Sarah Lounsbury. His children are—Clarissa, Alonzo, Robert, Mary, Clemment, Benjamin, Sarah C., Elizabeth and Horace:—all single, and live in Delaware, C. W.

305. ROBERT, b. in Delaware, C. W., April 2, 1807; m. Susannah Roberts, and settled in his native town. His children are—Hannah, Ira, Esther, John, Robert, Byron and James E.; all living in Delaware.

306. HARVEY, b. in Delaware, C. W., in 1810; m. Sarah Hunt, in 1836, and has five children, viz., Burley, Lydia, Clemment, Harvey and Samuel—all living in Delaware.*

152. AARON.

307. PATIENCE, b. in Delaware, Middlesex county, C. W., May 20, 1797; m. John Reynolds, and had four children, viz. (1.) Aaron, m. Rachel Galloway, of Oxford, C. W., and has three children. (2.) Sarah, m. Albert Tiffany, and has four children. (3.) John, unmarried. (4.) Hannah, dead.

* Mr. Harvey Kilbourn was present at the annual meeting of the Kilbourn Family, in Litchfield, Conn., in Sept., 1854—and was one of the Vice Presidents of the day.

308. FRANCES, b. in Delaware, C. W., in 1799; m. Sweet Gardner, of Westminster, C. W, (formerly of Rhode Island,) and has six children, viz., (1.) Abel, m. Mary Parker. (2.) Aaron, m. Hannah Sloat, and has three children. (3.) Benjamin, unmarried. (4.) George, unmarried. (5.) Hannah, m. John Fisher, and has four children. (6.) Lucinda, m. George Fisher.

309. LUCINDA, (twin with Frances,) m. Joel Westbrook, and lives near the River St. Clair, in the western part of Canada West.

310. SUSANNAH, b. in Delaware, in 1801; m. John Smith, of Westminster, C. W.; she has no children.

311. JOSEPH, b. in Delaware, in 1805; resides with his father in Westminster, C. W.; unmarried.

312. AARON, Jr., b. in Delaware, in 1809; m. Serena Crandall, and settled in his native town. He has one daughter.

313. CLEMMENT, b. in Delaware, May 4, 1812; unmarried; resides with her father.

314. DR. IRA, b. in Delaware, Oct. 29, 1815. In early life he went to Rochester, N. Y., where he studied medicine, and commenced the practice of his profession, about the year 1840. He m. Lucena Burnet, of Webster, Monroe county, and settled in Oswego, N. Y., where he is now a very successful practicing Physician, of the modern Eclectic school. In 1853, he opened an Infirmary for the treatment of invalids from abroad, which is pleasantly situated in the north part of the city, and commands a fine prospect of the Lake and Fort Ontario. He has but one child—a daughter about four years of age.

### 162. OZIAS.

315. DIANTHA, b. in Kortright, Delaware county, N. Y.; m. Leonard Stone, of Italy, Yates county, N. Y., and d., leaving two daughters.

316. NORMAN, b. in Kortright, N. Y., in 1803; m. Mary Stone, of Italy, N. Y.; removed to Canton, Penn., and thence to Scott county, Illinois, four miles south of Winchester. He is a millwright by trade. His children are—James, b. 1829, Maria, Perry, Sally, and probably others.

317. RHODA, b. in Kortright, N. Y., in 1804; m. David S. Granteer, of Canton, Bradford county, Penn.

318. ANNA, b. in Kortright, N. Y., in 1806; m. Elias Withey, of Union, Tioga county, Penn.

319. HIRAM, b. in Otsego county, N. Y., in 1808; he was killed by the fall of a tree, in Canton, Penn., in 1832: unmarried.

320. OZIAS, Jr., b. in Milford, Otsego county, N. Y., March 20, 1810; m. Electa Granteer, at Canton, Penn., Nov. 28, 1832; removed to Scott county, Illinois, in 1840; thence to Camp Creek, Hancock county, Illinois, in 1843, and soon after joined the Mormons at Nauvoo. His children—Hannah E., Electa M., David, Eli, James and perhaps others.

321. HEMAN, b. in Milford, N. Y., in 1812; m. Roxa Spencer, and settled in Union, Penn.

322. ELIZA, b. in Milford, N. Y., in 1818; m. Hubbard Spencer, of Union, Penn.

323. THALIA ANN., b. in Milford, N. Y., in 1820; m. Mr. Mattocks, of Union, Penn.

324. JAMES, b. in Canton, Penn., in 1824; lives in Ralston, Lycoming county, Penn.; unmarried.

325. ANGELINA, b. in Canton, Penn., in 1826; she lives in her native town; unmarried.

### 171. ROSWELL.

326. REV. ALANSON, b. in Litchfield, Conn., March 14, 1785; removed to Castleton, Vermont, with his parents, when a child, and there received his education. He m. Bethia Dunham, Jan. 7, 1806, and has four children, viz., Cla-

rissa, Roswell Alanson, Isaac Lewis and Wolcott Alvord. Mr. Kilburn officiated for several years as a Baptist evangelist and missionary in Canada and Northern Vermont; and on the 9th of April, 1826, he was ordained at Durham, Canada, as minister of the churches in Durham, Farnham and St. Armand. In 1837, he removed to Enosburgh, Vermont, where he still resides.

327. LURE, m. Silas Hawkins, and d. in Castleton, Vt., leaving three children—Hiram, Roswell and Happylonia.

328. ALMIRA, never married.

329. ROSWELL, went to Indiana, when a young man, and has not been heard from by his brother Alanson for more than thirty years. He talked of going to South America. He was unmarried.

330. LEWIS, m. in Pottsdam, N. Y., and had one child. He d. a few years since in Alabama.

### 182. ELI, OF CROSBY, C. W.

331. LEWIS, b. in Leeds county, C. W., Aug. 10, 1801; m. Mary Hunter, and is living in Crosby, Leeds county, C. W. His children are—Ardon, James, George, Sarah and Artemesia.

332. JAMES C., b. in Leeds county, C. W., March 24, 1804; m. Mary Wilkie, of Brockville, May 5, 1829; she d. in June, 1833, leaving one daughter. On the 2d of Sept., 1841, he m. Mary Ann Ellis, a sister of the Rev. William Ellis, of London, (Eng.,) whose wife is the celebrated author of "The Women of England," "Mothers of England," &c.

333. SOPHIA, b. in Leeds county, C. W., in 1809; d. in 1816.

334. WILLIAM R, b. in Leeds county, C. W., June 12, 1811; d. in Oxford, C. W., in Nov. 1841.

335. CANDACE, b. in Leeds county, C. W., Oct. 3, 1814; d., in Aug. 1834.

336. ARTIMESIA, b. in Leeds county, Canada, April 1, 1818; d. August, 1840.

183. HIRAM, OF LEEDS CO., C. W.

337. BRADDISH, b. in Leeds county, C. W.; m. Lurima Billings, and resides in Brockville. He has a son, Charles, and perhaps other children; he is a tanner.

338. HIRAM, is m. and lives at Owen Sound, (Sydenham,) on Lake Huron, Canada West. He is a tanner.

339. BILLINGS, m. Jennet McReady, and resides in Elizabethtown, Leeds county, C. W.; he is a tinsmith.

340. JAMES, a tanner, resides at Sydenham, on Lake Huron, C. W.

341. LUTHER.

342. ALBERT.

343. ALPHONSO.

344. ——— (a daughter,) b. March 24, 1814; m. Solomon Wood.

191. JOHN.

345. THIRZA, b. in Litchfield, Aug. 26, 1796; m. Noah Kilbourn, of that town, and had one daughter, Mary, who m. Henry Baldwin, of Litchfield. Mrs. Thirza Kilbourn d. July 22, 1828.

346. HARRY, b. in Litchfield, Sept. 12, 1798; m. Caroline Judson, of Roxbury, April 3, 1822, and had four children, viz., (1.) Lois Stoddard, b. July 2, 1823; d. Jan. 21, 1851; unmarried. (2.) Amanda, b. Jan. 5, 1825. (3.) Laura Jane, b. Dec. 21, 1827; d. Jan. 17, 1852. (4.) David Judson, b. May 29, 1832; d. June 14, 1837. Harry Kilbourn d. in Litchfield, Nov. 20, 1851, aged 53 years.

347. MEHALA, b. in Litchfield, March 8, 1801; d. Jan. 9, 1826; unmarried.

348. MARY, b. in Litchfield, Dec. 2, 1803; d. Nov. 10, 1826; unmarried.

194. CHAUNCEY.

349. JOHN, *A. M.*, b. in Charlotte, Vermont, Nov. 1, 1812; was brought to Litchfield, (Conn.,) by his parents when but nine months old, where he spent his childhood and youth. For about three years he was a student in Yale College, having left that institution in 1839—since which time he has been principally engaged as a classical teacher in Maryland and Pennsylvania. While Principal of the Academy at Green Castle, in the latter State, he was at the same time a deacon in the church, and the Editor of the "*Conococheague Herald*," a weekly paper. In 1844, he m. Catharine Monroe Crawford, of Fayetteville, Pennsylvania; his children are—Anna, John Kenyon and Paxton Agnew. He is now Principal of the Incorporated Academy at Augusta, Oneida county, N. Y. In 1852, Mr. Kilbourn received the Honorary Degree of Master of Arts from Pennsylvania College; and in 1854, Yale College conferred upon him the same degree. He is an Honorary Member of the Diagnothian Society of Marshall College, Penn., and of the Philomathean Literary Society of Pennsylvania College.

350. PAYNE KENYON, b. in Litchfield, Conn., July 26, 1815; m. Elizabeth A. Cone, daughter of Warren Cone, Esq., of Norfolk, Conn., Aug. 3, 1842, and has two daughters—*Julia Elizabeth*, b. in Norfolk, August 9, 1843, and *Lelia Kenyon*, b. in Litchfield, May 1, 1850. Present residence, Litchfield, Conn.

351. GILES CHAUNCEY, b. in Litchfield, July 12, 1817; d. in Kent, Conn., April 3, 1826.*

* "My thoughts even now their sad vigils are keeping
O'er a brother who died in his earliest years:
Oh, far from the graves where our kindred are sleeping,
We laid his fair form amid sighing and tears.
The forests will don their green garments again,
And the flow'rs will revive with the Spring's balmy breath;
The storm-king ere long will relinquish his reign,
But when will depart the cold Winter of Death!"

199. JACOB.

352. JOEL, b. in Adams, Mass., July 28, 1797; m. Laxy Hayes, in Dec. 1838; and now lives in Clayton, Jefferson county, N. Y. He has two sons—Alpheus and Orrin.

353. ALFRED, b. in Adams, Mass., Sept. 23, 1798; m. Eliza E. Cobb, of Orleans, N. Y., Feb. 11, 1839, and has one daughter, Frances. His residence is in Clayton, Jefferson county, N. Y.

354. ALPHEUS, (twin with Alfred,) d. in Brownville, Jefferson county, N. Y., Sept. 20, 1828; unmarried.

355. CHAUNCEY, b. in Plainfield, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1803; d. in Brownville, N. Y., Aug. 26, 1814.

356. HANNAH, b. in Plainfield, N. Y., July 15, 1805; unmarried; lives with her brother Alfred, in Clayton, N. Y.

357. LYDIA, b. in Brownville, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1810; m. Asaph Greene, July 4, 1832, and lives in Pitcairn, St. Lawrence county, N. Y. She has four children.

200. JAMES.

358. SIDNEY, (daughter,) b. in Adams, Mass., Feb. 3, 1797; m. Henry Arnold, in 1815, and settled in Orleans, Jefferson county, N. Y., but now resides in Clayton, N. Y. Their children are—Henry F., Leonard, George, Lewis, David, Ursula and Myron.

359. MALINDA, b. in Plainfield, N. Y., Oct. 5, 1798; m. Samuel Cook, in 1831, and settled in Adams, Jefferson Co., N. Y. His children are—Clarinda, Orrin, Giles, Martha, Samuel, Austin and Mary Evaline. She d. Oct. 30, 1847.

360. MARY, b. in Plainfield, N. Y., Nov. 29, 1800; m. William Barnard in 1827; settled in Adams, N. Y., where she d. in 1836. Her children are—Happy A. and Mary L.

361. HENRY, b. in Plainfield, N. Y., April 2, 1803; m. Laura Woodruff, in 1829; and resides in Orleans, Jefferson county, N. Y. His children are—Isabel Amelia, Chauncey Woodruff, Mary Evaline, Henry Delavan and Charles Frank.

362. CAPT. DAVID, b. in Plainfield, N. Y., April 8, 1805; m. Maria Johnson, in 1831, and has five children, viz., Mary Jane, George, Adelia Eveline, Julia and Lineas. He is a resident of Ogdensburgh, N. Y.

363. MAJ. SAMUEL, b. in Plainfield, N. Y., March 25, 1807; m. Amanda Cole, in 1849. He is an Inn-keeper at Lafargeville, Jefferson county, N. Y.; and was recently aid-de-camp to General Rouse. He has one child, Monroe.

364. DANIEL, b. in Plainfield, N. Y., March 18, 1809; m. Betsey Stevens, in 1839, and settled in Ellisburg, Jefferson county, N. Y., but now resides at East Winfield, Otsego county, N. Y. He has one child, Miriam.

365. CLARISSA, b. Jan. 11, 1811; d. at the age of two years.

366. EVALINE, b. in Jefferson county, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1813; m. Samuel Barnard, in 1835; now resides in Oakland, Michigan. Her children are—James, Winfield, Caroline and Martin.

367. JAMES, JR., b. in Jefferson county, N. Y., Jan. 16, 1817; m. Laura Stowell; settled in Ellisburgh, N. Y. He m. for his second wife, Ann Grinnell. His present residence is Orleans, N. Y. He has two children, viz., Charles and Herbert.

368. JOHN, b. in Jefferson county, N. Y., Jan. 21, 1819; m. Sophronia Keyes, and resides in Brownville, N. Y, He has two children.

203. GILES.

369. JOHN, b. in Plainfield, N. Y., May 18, 1804; m. Abigail Couch, in Sept. 1828, and has one child. He resides in Mexico, Oswego county, N. Y.

370. CHARLES, *A. M.*, b. in Plainfield, N. Y., Aug. 10, 1809; graduated at Hamilton College, in 1833; m. Harriet Sayles, and has four sons, viz., Henry, Charles, Frederick and Edward. He settled at Vernon, Oneida county, N. Y.,

where he was an Attorney and Counsellor at Law, Solicitor and Examiner in Chancery, Editor of "*The Compass*," &c. In 1850, he removed to Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and is now a resident of St. Mary's, Marquette county, in that State.

371. ANNA, b. in Plainfield, N. Y., June 22, 1814; m. Moffat J. Ackley, Esq., of Worth, Jefferson county, N. Y., in Sept. 1833, where they now reside. Their children are—Julia A., Charles K., Elizabeth and William Pitt.

372. JAMES D., b. in Plainfield, Dec. 26, 1817; m. Lucinda Robinson, of Richfield, Otsego county, N. Y., Sept 3, 1840. He has two daughters, viz., Adelaide V. and Flora Josephine.

373. GILES, JR., b. in Plainfield, N. Y., Dec. 12, 1820; m. Sarah Amanda Huntington, of Mexico, N. Y. Their present residence is Antrim, Michigan.

374. ABIGAIL, (twin with Giles, Jr.) m. Henry Joslyn, in Jan. 1841, and resides in Richland, Otsego county, N. Y. Their only child, Marcia, d. at the age of nine years.

375. DANIEL J., b. in Plainfield, N. Y., Nov. 29, 1825; d. in Vernon, Oneida county, N. Y., April 6, 1846; unmarried.

376. FRANCIS S., b. in Plainfield, N. Y., March 26, 1829; he resides with his parents in his native town; unmarried.

### 204. TRUMAN.

377. ANNA, b. in Plainfield, N. Y., in 1802; m. Ransom Merrills, and lives in Clayton, Jefferson county, N. Y. She has eight children.

378. JOHN, b. in Brownville, N. Y.; m. Mary Ann Noble, and resides in Oswego, N. Y. He is superintendent of Merrick & Co's. Flouring Mills, which are said to be the most extensive works of the kind in the world. He has four children, viz., Franklin, Sarah, Mary and Nancy.

379. COLLINS, b. in Brownville, N. Y.; m. Harriet Hayes, in 1830, and has four children, viz., Isabel, Julia, Edward and Frederick. He lives in Clayton, N. Y.

380. MARY, b. in Brownville, N. Y.; m. Kimball Keyes, and lives in Syracuse, N. Y.; she has three children.

381. FREDERICK, b. in Brownville, N. Y., in 1815; m. Trithena Spencer, in 1837, and has one son, Alonzo. He d. about 1839.

382. TRUMAN, JR., b. in Brownville, N. Y.; m. (1st,) Adelia Moody; (2d,) Jane Sperry. He has three children.

383. DANIEL, b. in Brownville, N. Y., in 1822; m. Angeline Hill, and has three children, viz., Edward, Truman and Gertrude. He lives in Orleans, N. Y.

205. ABRAHAM.

384. DAVID, ESQ., b. in Poultney, Vermont, August 12, 1788; m. Lucinda Pangborn, March 6, 1806. In 1814, he removed to Potter county, Penn., where he spent the remainder of his life. In 1817, he was elected Supervisor, and from that time until his decease he was almost constantly in some town or county office. In 1837, he was elected Auditor of the County without opposition, and served in that capacity for three years; and in 1844, he was chosen County Commissioner for three years, by a majority of 160 over two opposing candidates. His children are—Abraham, Truman, Betsey, Ann, Philena, Lucinda, Mary, David, Ira F., Charles N. and Amos. He d. at his residence in Hector, Potter Co., Penn., May 3, 1854.

385. TRUMAN, b. in Poultney, Vermont, in 1790. I have no farther information concerning him except what is contained in the subjoined newspaper paragraph:

[FROM THE RUTLAND (VT.) HERALD—FEB. 20, 1842.]

GREAT DIVING IN WELLS POND.

Mr. TRUMAN KILBORN, of Middletown, while cutting a hole in the ice on Wells Pond, dropped his axe through the hole where the water was 16½ feet deep. He threw off his clothes, dove through the hole where he lost his axe, went to the bottom, got his axe, and threw it upon the ice. This was done last week.

386. JOHN MORRANVILLE, b. in Poultney, Vt., in 1793; removed to Pennsylvania when quite young; and in 1814 m. Elizabeth Butler, in Tioga county, where he resided until his death, in 1825. He left five small children, viz., John Morranville, Hiram Butler, Chauncey Perry, Alphonzo and Lucy B.

387. ALVENUS, b. in Poultney, Vt.; resides at Castleton, Vt.

388. HIRAM, b. in Poultney, Vt.; resides at Castleton.

389. ALPHONZO, b. in Poultney, Vt.; is an extensive manufacturer at Hydeville, (Castleton,) Vt.

390. AMOS BURDIN, b. in Poultney, Vt.; m. and settled in Tariffville, Conn., where he still resides. His children are—Elizabeth L., Caroline A., Harriet, Edgar B., John R., Jane and Helen.

206. IRA.

391. JAMES BENEDICT, *M. D.*, b. in Litchfield, Conn., May 19, 1791; graduated at the Albany (N. Y.) Medical College, and settled as a physician in Alabama, where he m. Miss L. W. Gilliam, June 16, 1821. He soon after removed to Hinds county, Mississippi, where he continued in the successful practice of his profession until his death—Feb. 12, 1837. A correspondent at the South, who knew him well, says:—"He was fond of literature, and devoted much of his time in writing for the periodicals of the day. No one came to him wanting aid, who did not receive it. He had a kind word and a helping hand for all. He was an active and prominent citizen, and was well known among the early settlers of the region in which he located." His widow d. in January, 1851. Their only surviving child, James Gilliam Kilbourn, Esq., graduated at Centennary College, Louisiana, in 1850; received the degree of Master of Arts in 1853; studied law, and now resides on his plantation in East Feliciana, Louisiana. He m. a daughter of Dr. Perkins, of Jackson, La., in 1851.

392. IRA, b. in Orwell, Vermont, in 1793; d. in Batavia, N. Y., about the year 1816.

393. REV. MARCUS, b. in Orwell, Vt., Feb. 2, 1795; left his native town at the age of eighteen, spent two years in the State of New York, and then went to Porter, Sciota county, Ohio, where he m. Mary Price, of New Jersey, June 18, 1818. She d. in Dearborn county, Indiana in April, 1830; he then m. Sarah Wyatt, Sept. 26, 1830, who is still living in Marion, Ohio. The children of Marcus and Mary Kilbourn are—Eliza, Osmer M., Maria, Mary Jane and Marcus; the children of Marcus and Sarah Kilbourn are—Milton, Emily, Cynthia and Adelia.

Mr. Kilbourn was ordained in Porter, Ohio, Dec. 20, 1818, as a clergyman of the Free Will Baptist denomination, and from that period devoted a large portion of his time to the duties of his profession. He d. in Norton, Delaware county, Ohio, Nov. 29, 1836.

### 220. ORANGE.

394. JULIANNA, b. in Litchfield; m. Solon Bishop, of that town, and had four children, viz., Luman, Osander, Frederick and Charles. After her death, Mr. Bishop was married to Eliza Bolles, by Truman Kilbourn, Esq., *J. P.*, Dec. 23, 1831.

395. LYMAN, b. in Litchfield; m. Ann, daughter of Daniel Vaill, of that town, and removed to Martha's Vineyard, Mass., but afterwards settled in Western New York, where he died, leaving a family.

396. MARILLA, b. in Litchfield; m. William Brown, of that town.

397. ELIZA, b. in Litchfield; m. Mr. Chase, and settled in Illinois.

398. MARY, b. in Litchfield; m. and settled in Illinois.

399. LUCIUS, b. in Litchfield; d. young.

224. DAVID.

400. DRUSILLA, b. in Litchfield, Feb. 23, 1800; m. Elisha Tyler, Nov. 26, 1826. She d. Dec. 10, 1832.

401. HEBER, b. in Kitley, C. W., Aug. 28, 1801; m. Elizabeth Tuttle, in April, 1829; resides in Nunda, Livingston county, N. Y. He has children—Ambrose, Minerva, Abigail, Lucian, Caroline and Romeyn.

402. BETSEY, b. in Kitley, C. W., Feb. 10, 1808; m. William Archer, Sept. 5, 1827. She lives in Camden, N. Y.

403. HENRY S., b. in Kitley, C. W., Aug. 16, 1810; m. Caroline Cochran, in Aug. 1832, and resides in Wayne, Mich.

404. LEVI H., b. in Camden, Oneida county, N. Y., Jan. 13, 1815; was unmarried, and living in Illinois, when last heard from.

405. LYMAN, b. in Camden, N. Y., March 5, 1819; d. in Illinois, Oct. 3, 1846.

228. SAMUEL, ESQ.

406. LUCIAN, b. in Lisle, Broome county, N. Y., March 25, 1811; m. Rhoda Ann, daughter of Nathan Ball, formerly of Berkshire county, Mass.

407. DAVID, b. in Lisle, N. Y., July 14, 1813; m. Harriet Ball, (sister of the above,) in 1836; resides in Spencerport, N. Y.

408. SOPHIA, b. in Lisle, N. Y., April 2, 1815; d. May 8, 1830.

409. NANCY MARIA, b. in Ogden, N. Y., May 14, 1817; m. Henry M. Hascall, of Leroy, Genesee county, N. Y., in Dec. 1842. She d. Nov. 9, 1846.

410. GEORGE, b. in Lisle, N. Y., Aug. 24, 1819; d. July 29, 1848, aged 29 years.

411. RUTH, b. in Ogden, N. Y., May 19, 1822.

412. JOHN PATTERSON, b. in Ogden, N. Y., April 6, 1825; d. June 23 1847, aged 22 years.

413. SAMUEL, JR., b. in Ogden, N. Y., May 5, 1828; d. April 21, 1830.

414. DIADEMA, b. in Ogden, N. Y., Oct. 31, 1830; d. unmarried, April 14, 1851.

232. ERASTUS.

415. SAMUEL, b. in Litchfield; m. Diantha E. Abbott, of that town, Feb. 20, 1845; and d. July 24, 1851, leaving one son, Charles Samuel.

416. NANCY D., b. in Litchfield; m. Curtis L. Osborn, (now of New Haven,) June 4, 1839.

417. ORRIN, b. in Litchfield; m. Maria Palmer, who d. in July, 1855. Mr. K. resides in Ewington, Illinois.

234. JACOB.

418. NORMAN, b. in Litchfield, April 15, 1790; m. Lucy Peck, Sept. 12, 1810, and has five children, viz., William P., Henry, George, Hannah and Homer. Mr. Kilbourn has been President of the "Litchfield Vigilant Society," Grand Juror and Selectman; and was a Vestryman of St. Michael's Parish in 1832, 1833, 1845, 1846, &c. He is still living at Bantam Falls, in his native town.

419. ABIGAIL, b. in Litchfield, Aug. 3, 1792; m. James Wallace, of that town, Sept. 11, 1823. Their children are —Dr. James K., of Bantam Falls, Thomas, Samuel and Margaret. The two last named are deceased.

420. TRUMAN, b. in Litchfield, Jan. 1, 1795; m. Emeline Coe, of that town, Sept. 27, 1819, and has four children, viz., Charles J., William L., Truman C. and Elizabeth. He was appointed by the Legislature a Justice of the Peace for the County of Litchfield seventeen years between 1830 and 1850. During the latter year he removed to New Haven county, and is now a resident of Waterbury. For twenty years he was a Deacon of the First Congregational Church in his native town.

421. SALLY, b. in Litchfield, Jan. 24, 1807; resides with her father; unmarried.

237. HEMAN.

422. WILLIAM, b. in Litchfield, June 8, 1799; m. Patty Darling, in 1824, and has nine children, viz., Sally, Edwin, Alfred, Nathaniel C., Melinda, Julia, Daniel, Lydia and Heman. He resided for several years in Shandaken, Ulster county, N. Y., where he was an Assessor, Road Commissioner and Inspector of Common Schools. He now lives in Little Valley, Cattaraugus county, N. Y.

423. POLLY, b. in Litchfield, Feb. 18, 1802; m. Harvey Andrews, in Nov. 1820, and lives in Springville, Erie county, N. Y. Her children are—Melinda, Sally and Heman.

424. JULIA, b. in Shandaken, N. Y., June 6, 1804; m. Rev. Samuel Merwin, of the Methodist Church, Nov. 26, 1826, and had two children—Polly and Samuel. Mr. Merwin d. Oct. 18, 1833. Mrs. Julia Merwin m. for her second husband, Mr. Ambrose Slusser, and lives in Shandaken.

425. NATHAN, b. in Shandaken, N. Y., Nov. 16, 1813; m. Ann Kelly, in March, 1844, and lives in Leroy, Bradford county, Penn. His children are—Martin H., Harvey B. and William W. While he resided in his native town he was Fife Major in a regiment of New York militia, Superintendent of Common Schools and Justice of the Peace.

239. TRUMAN.

426. SARAH M., b. in Burlington, Otsego county, N. Y., Dec. 4, 1805; m. William J. Eager, Sept. 17, 1834. He d. Feb. 14, 1840, leaving her with two children, viz., (1.) William Henry, b. August 19, 1836. (2.) Delia Harmony, b. Oct. 29, 1838. Mrs. Eager and her children now form a part of the family of her father, in Lockport, N. Y.

427. MINERVA, b. in Burlington, N. Y., Aug. 8, 1807; d. June 6, 1810.

428. TRUMAN CUSHMAN, b. in Burlington, N. Y., March 27, 1814; unmarried. He is a produce merchant in Michigan City, Indiana.

429. DON VOLCKERT, b. Dec. 26, 1815; d. May 1, 1816.

430. DELIA H., b. Sept. 6, 1817; d. July 18, 1833.

431. HORATIO, b. in Burlington, N. Y, Jan. 21, 1821; m. Cordelia Lattin, May 29, 1845, and has had three children, viz., (1.) Deborah Cordelia, b. July 20, 1846; d. Aug. 4, 1847. (2.) Allerton Wright, b. June 15, 1849. (3.) Charles Truman, b. July 30, 1851. He is a grocer and provision merchant in the city of Lockport, N. Y.

# GENERATION VIII.

2. LUTHER.

LOIS, b. in Wilbraham, Mass., May 30, 1788; m. Jeremy Bliss, Jan. 24, 1810; and settled in Somers, Conn. She has eight children living, viz., Wells, Joel, Wellington, Francis, Mary, Lamira, Rosetta and William—and five who d. in infancy.

2. SAMUEL, b. in Wilbraham, Mass., May 22, 1791; m. Sarah Hills, Jan. 14, 1819, and had one daughter, Mary Ann, b. Oct. 19, 1819, and d. on the 10th Nov. 1819. Mr. Kilbon is a Life Member of the "American Sunday School Union." He lives in Long Meadow, Mass.

3. SARAH, b. in Wilbraham, Mass., July 2, 1793; m. Samuel Camp, of Durham, Conn., Oct. 14, 1828; removed to Springfield, Mass., where she d., June 7, 1840. She had one son, Chauncey Kilbon, b. in 1834.

4. LUTHER KIMBERLY, b. in Wilbraham, Mass., June 29, 1795; m. Violet Pinney, of Somers, Conn.; and lived for several years in Springfield, Mass., and in Collinsville, Conn., and now resides in West Meriden, Conn. He has one son, Henry. His wife d. in July, 1847; and he m. Hannah Cadwell, of Wilbraham, Mass., in Nov., 1852.

5. CHAUNCEY, b. in Wilbraham, Mass., March 11, 1797; m. Belinda Lewis, of that town. He d. April 30, 1848, leaving no children.

6. JOHN, b. in Wilbraham, Mass., March 15, 1799; m. Ruth Stebbins, of Springfield, Mass., and settled in the latter town. He had eight children, viz., Samuel Luther, Samuel D., Henry S., (all d. in infancy,) Caroline Hatch, (d. July 29, 1847, aged 17,) Cornelia Melinda, (d. March 11, 1853, aged 17,) John Luther, George Baldwin and Charles Wood. Mr. Kilbon returned to Wilbraham in April, 1849, and d. there, March 24, 1852.

7. MARY, b. in Wilbraham, Sept. 3, 1801; m. George Camp, of Durham, Conn., in Sept. 1824, and had one daughter, Sarah Kilbon, who d. at the age of 15 years. They removed to South Hadley Falls, Mass., where she d., April 25, 1848.

8. EUNICE, b. in Wilbraham, Mass., August 16, 1814; m. Samuel Camp, April 13, 1842, and has one daughter, Sarah C., b. 1845. They reside in Springfield, Mass.

9. GEORGE, b. in Wilbraham, Mass., May 24, 1807; m. Keziah Nash, of South Hadley, Mass.; he d. in Springfield, Mass., Sept. 24, 1838, leaving no children.*

8. JOHN, ESQ.

10. CHARLOTTE, b. in Shrewsbury, Vt., Dec. 23, 1792; m. Isaac Spaulding, and had six children, viz., Fanny, Washington, Wallace, John, Frederick and Chloe.

11. SAMUEL, b. in Shrewsbury, Vt., May 22, 1794; resides in his native town. He has been three times married, and has four children, all by the first wife.

12. FRANCES M., b. in Shrewsbury Vt., May 22, 1796; m. Alfred Colburn, Jan. 19, 1842.

13. JOSIAH, b. in Shrewsbury, Vt., Nov. 17, 1798; m. Elizabeth Deforest, Dec. 8, 1827, and had two children, viz., Emeline H., (b. Aug. 22, 1829,) and Edwin B., (b. Feb. 18, 1832, and d., March 23d of the same year. Mr. Josiah Kilburn d. in Canton, N. Y., April 26, 1853.

* These families generally spell their name, *Kilbon.*

14. HENRY, *M. D.*, b. in Shrewsbury, Vt., March 23, 1802; graduated at the "Vermont Academy of Medicine" at Castleton, Dec. 10, 1828; m. Fanny Briggs, of his native town, Dec. 22, 1828, and settled in Langdon, N. H. He was appointed Surgeon of the 16th regiment of New Hampshire militia in 1832, and held the office for three or four years. In May, 1840, he removed to Covington, Tioga Co., Penn., where he still continues in the practice of his profession. His children are—Henrietta, Antonetta, Henry, Ferdinand, Catharine and one other. Mrs. Fanny Kilburn d. in Covington, Penn., March 10, 1854. The editor of "The Primitive Christian," (of May 12, 1854,) referring to her death, says—"Dr. Kilburn is the most celebrated physician in Northern Pennsylvania. He is a man of deep and lively sympathy, and must feel the loss of his companion to be irreparable for himself and children."

15. LUCY. b. in Shrewsbury, Vt., Sept. 4, 1808.

11. ELIJAH.

16. HARRIET, b. in Walpole, N. H., in 1799; d. in 1830; unmarried.

17. MARY H., b. in Walpole, N. H., in 1801; m. Noah Smith, July 15, 1825; resides in the town of Russell, St. Lawrence county, N. Y.

18. JOSIAH, b. in Walpole, N. H.; m. Emily Bonney, of Littleton, N. H., where he settled and still resides. After holding the office of Selectman for several years, he was elected a Representative in the New Hampshire Legislature in 1842, and was re-elected in 1843. He has three children, viz., Benjamin West,* Emily and Edward.

19. GEORGE, b. in Walpole, N. H., in 1804; m. Laura Hooper, Dec. 18, 1825. He lived at Fall River, Mass., for several years, but removed to Lonsdale, R. I., where he is the Superintendent of the "Lonsdale Cotton Manufactory

* *Married*—In Boston, Nov. 16, 1853, by Rev. D. P. Cilley, Benjamin W. Kilburn, of Littleton, N. H., to Miss Caroline Burnham, of Cambridge, Mass. —*Boston Atlas.*

and Bleechery." He has several sons and daughters, some of whom are married—but their names have not reached me.

20. JOHN J., b. in Walpole, N. H., in 1808; m. Mary E. George, of that town, and settled in Fall River, Mass., where he d., Dec. 4, 1846. His children are—Louisa R., Edward J., Maria, Charles and Helen. The family now reside in Boston, Mass.

21. FREDERICK, b. in Walpole, N. H., in 1809; m. Mary Ann Watkins, of that town, June 29, 1835, and lived for several years in Littleton, N. H., where he was a Selectman. He now lives in his native town. He has several children.

22. ELIJAH C., b. in Walpole, N. H., in 1811; m. Hannah S. Carter, of Wayland, Mass., and has children. He was a Representative in the New Hampshire Legislature in 1846; and removed to Fall River, Mass., in Jan. 1847. In 1853, he was the whig candidate for Representative in Fall River, and received 536 votes to 766 for all other candidates —the town failing to elect after four trials. He is a machinist of the firm of "E. C. Kilburn & Co."

23. REBECCA, b. in Walpole, N. H., in 1815; m. Rodney Smith, Oct. 20, 1841.

24. WILLIAM J., b. in Walpole, N. H., Sept. 21, 1818; settled in Augusta, the capital of Maine, where he is a wholesale dry goods merchant of the house of "William J. Kilburn & Co." He was a member of the Common Council of the city of Augusta in 1851 and 1852, and was the whig candidate for Clerk of the House of Representatives of Maine in the years 1852 and 1853—receiving the entire whig vote of that body. He is a bachelor.

### 61. SAMUEL DAVIS.

25. OLIVIA, b. in Orange, N. J., July 25, 1822; m. Frank Winters, then a clerk in the New York Custom House. He d. at the South a few years since, leaving one child, named Frank.

26. MARY LOUISA, b. in Orange, N. J., April 17, 1824; m. George L. Meshurel, of New Haven, Conn.

27. DANIEL LEWIS, b. in Orange, N. J., July 8, 1826; was apprenticed to a Jeweller—ran away and enlisted as a soldier in the Mexican war, and d. in the service.

28. HENRY CLAY, b. in Orange, N. J., Sept. 17, 1829; he has been for several years a clerk in the Naval Office in the New York Custom House; unmarried.

29. JULIAN, b. in Orange, N. J., in May, 1832.

71. JONATHAN.

30. DEAC. ABNER F., b. in Killingworth, Conn., March 18, 1792; m. Nancy Rogers, of Milford, Nov. 16, 1821, and had three children, viz., Sarah Elizabeth, Mary Eliza and Emily Nancy. He was Deacon of the Congregational Church in Clinton, Conn.; and died July 5, 1835, aged 43 years.

31. LEONARD, b. in Killingworth, Feb. 4, 1794; m. Eunice Dodge, of Twinsburgh, Ohio, Nov. 4, 1821, where he lived for some time. He d. in Mount Auburn, Illinois, Jan. 3, 1844, leaving two children—Eunice Phinetta and Edward Farnham.

32. PHINETTA, b. in Killingworth, April 12, 1796; d. (unmarried,) June 8, 1835.

33. AARON, born in Killingworth, Sept. 3, 1798; m. Almira Richardson, of Orange, Conn., April 9, 1820, and has had seven children, viz., Aaron Richardson, Mehitable Elizabeth, Almira Phinetta, Esther Farnham, Mary Louisa, George Franklin and Benjamin Hart.

His natural propensity for the mechanic arts manifested itself at a very early age, in an almost uncontrollable desire to frequent the blacksmith's shops and mills in the vicinity of his home. At the age of eight years, he began to make water-wheels and play with them in the brook; and while yet in his childhood, he built a small saw-mill with which

he used to saw boards in imitation of the larger ones that he had seen. The annual visits of the tailor and shoemaker at his father's house, for the purpose of working up the year's supply of clothes and shoes, were hailed by him with delight, as it gave him an opportunity to indulge his taste and ingenuity in those branches of useful industry. All the tools about his father's house, (which were kept for repairing the implements of the farm,) were also early brought into requisition by the young mechanic, in the manufacture of a variety of indescribable articles. These trifling circumstances are mentioned here, simply as indicative of the early development of the "ruling passion" of our kinsman in a department of business in which he has since become so eminent.

Having prosecuted the usual studies pursued at the district school by lads of his age, when thirteen years old he was apprenticed to a silversmith in East Haddam. He soon found his employment too trifling and monotonous to be pleasant, and felt greatly relieved when set to manufacturing brass clocks. At length his employer took him to Glastenbury to assist in making and putting in operation a set of cotton machinery, on Roaring Brook, under the superintendence of Amos Dean. Here his mind had full scope, and he often felt and said he had never before been so delightfully employed. Soon after completing this contract, his master was engaged to make the machinery for a woollen factory and clothier's works on the site of "Kilborn's Mills," on Salmon River, in the town of East Haddam, which had been owned and occupied by the grandfather of the subject of this sketch fifty years before. The works had then recently been destroyed by fire. He continued actively engaged at this place until July, 1815, when, at his own solicitation, his father annulled his indentures on account of his having left the appropriate busines of the trade to which he was apprenticed.

After having been employed for a short time in the manufacture of pistols in Berlin, he was engaged by Eli Whitney,

(the celebrated inventor of the cotton gin,) to take a leading part in his manufactory of fire-arms at Whitneyville, with whom he remained until 1825, (the year of that gentleman's death,) when he accepted a situation in the Rifle Factory at Middletown. He had been in the latter place but about a year, when he was induced to return to Whitneyville, by Messrs. P. & E. W. Blake, (the successors of Mr. Whitney,) and take the foremanship in one of the departments of their extensive establishment. He continued in their employ until the 30th of January, 1833, when he commenced business as a machinist, in his own name, in the city of New Haven, where his family have since continued to reside—though he was himself for several years absent from the State. He made the first engine lathe ever manufactured in that county, (with many others,) together with machines, boilers, steam-engines, models and patterns, of various sizes and kinds. For several years during his residence in New Haven, he was employed by Prof. Silliman, to make and keep in repair the scientific apparatus connected with the laboratory of Yale College.

In 1840, Mr. Kilborn contracted to make a lot of machinery for the Penitentiary of Georgia, which resulted in his going to Milledgeville in that State, to put it in operation. It consisted of a steam-engine of ten horse-power, with lathes, saws, tenon-machine, mortising-machine and iron-foundery. When he had completed this contract, and was about starting for the north, he was engaged to superintend the labor of the prisoners for a term of years. Accordingly, in the autumn of 1841, he made his second trip to Georgia, accompanied by his eldest son, then about twenty-one years of age. On this occasion he resided at the seat of Government six months, during which time with the aid of the prisoners, he built and completed several passenger, freight and hand cars for the Western Atlantic Railroad—and with *no other assistance* in the mechanical branches except his son, who had charge of the iron-foundery. These cars he conveyed over a bad common road, a

distance of more than ninety miles, to the railroad. During this year, he improved the method of using charcoal in the prison so as to result in a saving sufficient to pay his salary of $100 per month.*

On the night after the inauguration of Gov. Crawford, (Nov. 7, 1842,) while Mr. Kilborn was in New Haven, the work-shops and engine-house, including all the machinery connected with the Penitentiary, were destroyed by fire. Mr. Kilborn was immediately sent for, and soon arrived on the ground. The Georgians appear to have imagined that he could do *anything*; and it was accordingly proposed that he should re-build the edifice. A brief interview with the Governor and other officials convinced them of the correctness of their conjectures as to his ability to accomplish the work. The outline of a plan submitted by him was at once adopted; over a hundred prisoners were placed under his immediate supervision, whom he set at work breaking the ground for the foundations, while he at the same time proceeded in perfecting his designs. The main building was a seventy-two feet octagon, with five wings of the following dimensions, viz., (1.) 114 by 25 feet. (2.) 156 by 25 feet. (3.) 146 by 30 feet. (4 and 5.) 25 by 25 feet each. All, except the chapel, was in one room, and so arranged as to be under the eye of the assistant keeper, whose stand occupied the centre of the octagon. The walls were of brick, which had been made by the prisoners during the preceding year. The timber, boards and shingles used by him, were all in the tree when he commenced operations. Besides completing this building and refitting the machinery, he erected a prison for the females, with cells, iron doors, locks, &c., a kitchen, hospital, tan-house and paint-house, dug and stoned a well, and enlarged the yard 250 by 100 feet, with walls two feet thick and twenty feet in height—all of which was accomplished in less than six months, *by the labor of the*

* This salary was exclusive of $250 allowed by the State for his expenses in traveling to and from Georgia.

*prisoners alone, under the superintendence of Mr. Kilborn.* Of one hundred and thirty prisoners employed by him, during the time thus occupied, not one was found who could read board measure on the carpenter's square, and only one was a mason by trade, and he was unable to work but part of the time, and could do but little then. The prison locks and doors were all made of iron, and on his own plan.

Mr. Kilborn continued to superintend the operations of the prison for five or six years—spending, however, the warm season of each year with his family at the north. Previous to the introduction of machinery into the Penitentiary, as shown by the annual reports of the Principal Keeper, its yearly expenses exceeded its income some $12,000. When Mr. Kilborn left it, it yielded a net revenue to the State of about $5000 per annum.

While at the south, he was also engaged in finishing the Insane Hospital and in repairing or re-modeling the State House, the Arsenal, several churches, hotels and private houses; and finally erected and put in operation a Cotton Factory—when, his health failing, he returned to his home. During this period, he had also contracted for and sent on to the south more than $50,000 worth of machinery, castings, &c., a large portion of which was the product of Connecticut industry and much of which was from his own works in New Haven.

About this time the first thousand of Colt's Pistols were ordered by our Government for the war with Mexico, in the manufacture of which Mr. Kilborn assisted Mr. Whitney, at the manufactory of fire-arms in Whitneyville. They gave such good satisfaction that Col. Colt subsequently offered him the foremanship of his immense manufactory of Pistols at Hartford, which he declined.

In 1849, he resumed his former business as a Machinist, in Howard street, New Haven, and soon after entered into partnership with his sons, where he still carries on the man-

ufacture of Steam-engines, and various kinds of machines such as Blanchard's Lathes for turning Gun-Stocks, Tackle-Blocks, Shoe-Lasts, Spokes and Axe-Helves; Keg-Machines, Planing-Machines, Saw and Grist Mills, and a variety of others.

Though it may not be in good taste to bestow extravagant praise upon the living, I may be allowed to suggest, that there are *few* men who could have done what the subject of this sketch has accomplished, as here briefly and imperfectly detailed. He belongs to a branch of our family famed for its inventive genius. His father and grandfather were skillful as mechanics and manufacturers, the latter being the inventer and patentee of a machine for cutting tanner's bark; while the ingenuity of his great-grandfather will be found noted on pages 93–95 of this volume.

Mr. Kilborn was the subject of early religious impressions. When he left home to enter upon the duties of his apprenticeship, his mother placed a Bible in his hands, accompanying it with appropriate remarks, which were never entirely obliterated from his mind. While a resident of Berlin, his attention was again aroused to the great theme of personal repentance, and he united with the Congregational Church then under the pastoral care of the Rev. Samuel Goodrich. From this place he subseqnently removed his relation to the North Church in New Haven, of which the Rev. Samuel Merwin was pastor. After the formation of the Free Congregational Church in that city, he united with it, and for several years officiated as a Deacon and Trustee. With no desire for display, and with no political aspirations, he has led a life of usefulness, and active piety; desiring, most of all things, that he and his beloved ones may so live that they may be found accepted of God, "when He shall make up his jewels."

34. JONATHAN, b. in Killingworth, Conn., Nov. 4, 1801; m. Sarah B. Hopkins, of Chatham, Jan. 16, 1827;

she d., Dec. 29, 1835. Sarah Elizabeth, their daughter, was b. March 25, 1829, and d. April 5, 1829. Mr. Kilborn m. for his second wife, Sophia Newton Hart, July 7, 1839; they have two children, viz., (1.) Sophia Elizabeth, b. Sept. 8, 1840. (2.) Jonathan B., b. Aug. 22, 1843.

Mr. Kilborn settled in the city of Middletown in early manhood, where he still resides. He has been a Selectman of the Town, member of the Common Council of the City for three or four years, and Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. In 1846, he was appointed a State Bank Director by the Legislature, and in 1850, he was appointed State Commissioner on the Middlesex Turnpike Company. He has also been a Director of the Middlesex County Bank, Director of the Meriden Bank, Director of the Connecticut River and Long Island Steamboat Company, Director of the Middlesex Mutual Assurance Company, and Director of the Boston and New York Railroad Company.

35. BETSEY, (twin with Jonathan,) m. Harvey Stevens, of Clinton, Conn., Dec. 6, 1821, and has two children —Orville H., of Waterbury, Conn. and Lucelia Elizabeth.

36. PETER EDWARD, b. in Killingworth, April 25, 1811; m. Ann C. Grannis, Sept. 21, 1834. He is a resident of New Haven. His children are—(1.) Mary Ann, b. Dec. 16, 1836. (2.) William Edward, b. June 23, 1839; d., Sept. 13, 1841. (3.) Phinetta Elizabeth, b. Feb. 15, 1842; d., Aug. 11, 1842. (4.) William Edward.

### 77. DAVID, ESQ.

37. LYDIA, b. in Marlborough, Conn., July 12, 1794; m. William Coleman, and now resides in Keokuk, Lee Co., Iowa.

38. CELINDA, b. in Marlborough, Conn., April 17, 1796; m. Alfred Buel, in 1815, and now resides in Galena, Illinois.

39. SARAH, b. in Marlborough, Conn., Jan. 27, 1798; m. Gen. Enos H. Buel, of that town, in 1817. She d. in 1846.

40. DAVID WELLS, d. in childhood.

41. HON. DAVID WELLS, b. in Marlborough, Conn., April 12, 1803; was m. in Albany, N. Y., June 26, 1827, to Harriet, daughter of Nahum Rice, Esq. He was formerly a merchant in Albany and in the city of New York, but removed to Lee county, Iowa, in 1836—of which region he was a pioneer. As the General Agent of the New York Land Company, he made extensive purchases of land from the Indians, and became intimately acquainted with the celebrated Chiefs of the West, *Keokuk* and *Black Hawk*. In his explorations of the country, he often spread his solitary tent in the forest or on the open prairie, with no human habitation for many leagues around, save here and there an Indian wigwam. For ten or twelve years after his emigration to that region, he was compelled to spend much time in adjudicating the titles to a tract of land known as the "Half-Breed and Fox Reservation," embracing 119,000 acres, including the site of the present city of Keokuk. As this necessarily led to much litigation, he fitted himself for the bar, and was regularly admitted as an Attorney and Counsellor at Law before the Supreme Court of the State and the United States District Court. Many of these lands had been settled upon by "squatters," who attempted to establish their claims thereto by preëmption; and who were led to regard Mr. Kilbourne as arrayed in opposition to them. Demagogues and other aspirants to office, made the question a hobby for self-promotion, and it became the theme of many a boisterous harrangue in the caucus, and many a sage debate in the bar-room. The final decisions of the State and Federal Courts were in favor of Mr. Kilbourne, and his claims were thus fully established.

In 1852, Mr. Kilbourne purchased the entire remaining interest of the New York Company in the "Half-Breed Reservation," and thus became the sole proprietor of upwards of 40,000 acres of land, lying along the western bank of the Mississippi, including one-half of the towns of Montrose and Nashville, and about nine hundred lots in Keokuk.

In politics, Mr. Kilbourne has uniformly been a whig; and of course, (as the Territory and State of Iowa have almost as uniformly been "democratic,") he would have stood but a small chance for political promotion, even had his aspirations been in that direction—especially when his position as a Land Agent is taken into the account. He was one of the earliest Magistrates and Postmasters of the County; and in 1840, and again in 1841, he was the whig candidate for the Territorial Senate in his District—at one time falling but seven votes short of an election. In 1849, he was chosen an Alderman of the city of Fort Madison, where he then resided; and in 1852, he was President of the Whig State Convention. He was also a Delegate "from the State at Large" to the National Convention which, during that year, assembled at Baltimore, and resulted in the nomination of General Scott for President of the United States. In 1854, he was a principal candidate before the Whig State Convention for the office of Governor; and on the second ballot stood next to Mr. Grimes, the nominee. He is now (1856,) Mayor of the flourishing city of Keokuk, which contains about 10,000 inhabitants, and is rapidly increasing in wealth and population.

In December, 1848, "The Navigation and Hydraulic Company of the Mississippi Rapids" was incorporated by the Legislature of Iowa, with a capital of $1,000,000; having for its object the improvement of the navigation of the rapids, and the formation of a water-power by means of an artificial channel, with locks and dams. Mr. Kilbourne was elected a member of the first Board of Directors; and, as

Agent of the Company, subsequently closed a contract with Messrs. Bangs & Co., of New York, to complete the works for the sum of $950,000. He was President of the Convention which met at Keokuk, in June, 1853, and completed the organization of the Keokuk and Missouri Railroad Company, and is largely interested in other works of internal improvement which are now being carried forward in that State.

In the midst of these great business transactions, Mr. Kilbourne has not been unmindful of his duties as a good citizen and Christian. Regarding nothing as unworthy of his time and attention, which has for its object the moral and social elevation of his race, the cause of religion, education and good morals, has ever found in him an efficient friend and supporter. Within a few years past, he has faithfully performed the duties of a Trustee of the Presbyterian Church, a teacher and Superintendent of a Sabbath School, President of a Bible Society, and President of the Fort Madison Lyceum and Library Association. He was also recently President of the Order of the Sons of Temperance for the State of Iowa, and President of the Iowa Church Erection Fund. He has had several children, who will be mentioned in their order in the next generation.

42. MARY ANN, b. in Marlborough; resides with her brother in Iowa; unmarried.

43. EDWARD, b. in Marlborough, Jan. 22, 1814; resided in Albany and New York city for several years, and in 1834 (while yet in his minority,) he was commissioned by Gov. Marcy as Major of the Fifth Regiment of New York State Artillery. He removed to Iowa with his brother, in 1836, and is still a resident of Keokuk, in that State. On the 26th of July, 1843, he was married to Caroline Amelia, daughter of Ezra Foote, Esq., of Middle Haddam, Conn. Mr. Kilbourne is a wealthy and enterprising citizen of his adopted State; Director of the Keokuk and Fort Desmoines Railroad Company, Director and Corporator of the Keokuk and Mis-

souri Railroad Company, Director and Secretary of the Navigation and Hydraulic Company of the Mississippi Rapids, &c. The names of his children I have not learned, two or three of whom died in childhood.

78. SAMUEL ABEL.

44. SAMUEL WILLIS, b. in Colchester, Conn., Oct. 20, 1806; of whom I have no further particulars.

45. GEORGE WASHINGTON, b. in Colchester, Conn., Feb. 2, 1808; m. Annis Mallory, in Liberty, Sullivan Co., N. Y., Aug. 22, 1831, and has nine children, viz., Heman, Wallace Mallory, Edward Holmes, Charles Thompson, John William, Merwin Addison, Harriet Minerva, Albert Francis and Franklin Pierce. He is a resident of Sullivan Co., N. Y.

46. LAURA MARIA, b. in Liberty, N. Y., June 6, 1811; d. in Boston, Mass., Nov., 1845.

47. SOPHIA LOUISA, b. in Liberty, N. Y., April 4, 1813; d. in New York, in 1844.

48. JOHN RALPH, b. in Liberty, N. Y., July 20, 1818; m. Elizabeth Hanford, (a native of Wilton, Conn.,) in Bethel, Sullivan county, N. Y., April 3, 1847, and has three children, viz., James Henry, Albert Wells and Mary Frances. He is a merchant, of the firm of "Watkins & Kilbourn," in his native town.

89. ARUNA.

49. ARUNA, m. Mary Tanner, and lives in Annsville, Oneida county, N. Y. He has a large family.

50. THEODOCIA, m. John Tanner, and settled in Oneida county, N. Y., and has several children.

51. WENTWORTH, m. Miss Dodge, and resides in Oswego county, N. Y.

52. SARAH, m. Henry Tanner, and resides in Annsville, N. Y.

53. MARY, m. David Whaley, of Galena, Illinois, and has a large family.

54. EUNICE, m. Asa Draper, of Brockport, N. Y.

55. ROSETTA, m. Joseph Reed.

90. CYRENUS.

56. LYDIA, b. in Bennington, Vermont, April 4, 1792; m. Nathaniel F. Champney, of Auburn, N. Y., and now lives near Union Springs, Cayuga county, N. Y.

57. ISRAEL HOLMES, b. in Rome, Oneida county, N. Y., April 30, 1795; m. Abigail Champney, and settled in his native town, where he d. Oct. 4, 1855. His wife d. in 1849. Their children are—Cyrenus, Nathan, Amasa L., Andrew Jackson, Henry Carlton, Mary and John B.

58. CAPT. ASA, b. in Floyd, Oneida county, N. Y, April 21, 1798; m. Elizabeth Babbitt, of Paris, N. Y., May 4, 1819, and settled in Annsville, N. Y., his present residence. He has been elected to the following offices, viz., Overseer of the Poor, one year, Overseer of Roads, three years; Commissioner of Schools, one year; Justice of the Peace, four years; Supervisor, two years; and Captain of militia.

59. ADELINE, b. in Rome, N. Y, April, 4, 1802; m. H. Champney; and d. in her native town, Feb. 10, 1829.

60. HANNAH SAGE, b. in Rome, N. Y, June 16, 1804; m. ——— Babbitt; d. in Sauquoit, N. Y., April 13, 1829.

61. GEORGE, b. in Rome, N. Y., April 27, 1808; m. Hannah Seaman, and has three children. He resides in Annsville, N. Y., where he has been constable and collector.

62. JOHN B., b. in Floyd, N. Y., August 4, 1810; was at Alton, Illinois, when last heard from, and unmarried.

63. MARY, b. in Rome, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1814; m. James Bacon, of Sauquoit, N. Y. She d. in Churchville, Monroe county, N. Y., July 25, 1848.

93. ELIJAH.

64. MARTIN, m. Mary Eastep, in Ashe county, North Carolina; and now lives in Turkey Cove, Lee county, Virginia. He has eleven children, viz., John, George, Joseph, Elijah C.,* Peter, Enoch, Martin, Sarah, Nancy, Elizabeth and Levina.

65. GEORGE, resides in Morgan county, Kentucky, where he has a family.

66. JAMES, is married, and lives in Turkey Cove, Lee county, Virginia.

99. HON. IRA.

67. WELLS, b. in Lawrenceville, Penn., June 9, 1805; m. Ann Guy, of Marietta, Penn., June 26, 1833, and settled in his native town. His children are, (1.) Parris, b. 1834. (2.) Guy, b. 1835. (3.) Carroll, b. 1837. (4.) Ella, b. 1839; d. 1841. (5.) Ida, b. 1841; d. Aug. 11, 1842. (6.) Knox, b. 1843; d. July 16, 1845. (7.) Ella, b. 1845. (8.) William G., b. 1847. Mr. Kilburn was formerly a member of the Board of Burgesses in Lawrenceville, and of the Borough Council; and in 1848, he was the whig candidate for Prothonatory (or Clerk of the Courts,) for his Judicial District, but I believe was not elected. In 1849, he visited California, where he remained about two years, and then returned to his native town. On the 1st of February, 1852, he once more started for California, taking his family with him, and reached his place of destination during the following April. He settled in Napa City, Napa Co., (California,) about fifty miles from San Francisco. He and his brother Ralph are joint proprietors of some six thousand acres of land—about one half of which is situated in Napa Valley.† He is the inventor and patentee of the "Grain Drill" and of the "Corn Planter."

* Elijah C. Kilbourn is the present Postmaster at Pleasant P. O., Claiborne Co., Tennessee.

† This valley is about thirty miles long and from two to six broad, surrounded by high precipitous mountains. It is capable of supporting a dense population, as every acre is susceptible of cultivation.

68. HARRIET ROSS, b. in Lawrenceville, Pa., March 14, 1808; m. William B. Mann, Esq., a lawyer of distinction, Dec. 24, 1829, settled in the State of Illinois, where he d. Oct. 19, 1838. Their only child, Andrew Jackson Mann, (b. Oct. 5, 1833,) is a Clerk in the Commissary Department of the U. S. Army, in New Orleans.

69. RALPH LEE, b. in Lawrenceville, Penn., July 4, 1810; became a resident of California about the year 1840, where he is a large landed proprietor. He is married, and lives in Napa City, Napa county, (California.)

70. ELIZA ANN, b. in Lawrenceville, Penn., Feb. 10, 1814; m. the Hon. Norman H. Purple, of Peoria, Illinois, Jan. 3, 1831, (formerly of Tioga county, Penn.). He has been a Bank Commissioner, Attorney General, and Judge of the Supreme Court of Illinois. Their children are—Charles, Ida, William and Lewis.

71. ADALINE, b. in Lawrenceville, Penn., July 1, 1816; m. the Hon. John C. Knox, of Tioga county, Penn., Feb. 1, 1837. He is a celebrated lawyer, has been a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, and President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and is now a Judge of the Supreme Court of that State. They have sons—Kilburn, John C., and perhaps other children.

72. CAPT. CHARLES LAWRENCE, U. S. A., b. in Lawrenceville, Penn., Aug. 9, 1819; graduated at the United States Military Academy at West Point, in 1842, and was at the same time commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the army. He was first stationed at Fort Adams, in Newport, R. I., in the company of Flying Artillery commanded by Capt. Taylor, where he remained eight months; and on the 1st of May, 1843, he was ordered to Houlton, Maine, with Maj. Saunders' company, for the defence of the North Eastern Boundary. In the latter place he remained until the following August, when he was sent to Savannah, Georgia, and on the 1st of July, 1844, he was promoted to the 3d regiment

Artillery, and stationed at Fort Moultrie, Charleston, S. C. He sailed thence for Texas on the 2d of Sept., 1845, having previously been appointed Adjutant of the detachment ordered to that frontier. On the breaking out of the war between the United States and Mexico, in the following spring, Lieutenant Kilburn joined the army under General Taylor, and continued with him until the termination of hostilities. His services in this memorable contest, especially at the battle of Buena Vista, are briefly and eloquently adverted to in the subjoined article from the Philadelphia "*American Courier*," of May 31, 1850:—

"He [Capt. Kilburn] participated in the battles of Pala Alto, Resaca de la Palma and Monterey, and for his gallantry in the battle last named, received his first brevet. General Twiggs, in his official account of that bloody conflict, mentions Bragg, *Kilburn*, Reynolds and French, as 'deserving the highest praise for their skill and good conduct under the heaviest fire of the enemy, which was concentrated upon them.' On the field of Buena Vista he won for himself imperishable honors as one of the most efficient and intrepid artillerists in the action. During all the early part of that memorable day (Feb. 23, 1847,) his section had been detached, and rendered essential service in various positions. About noon, however, a most important crisis had arrived. The 2d ——— regiment had given way, and fled ingloriously from the field; Lieut. O'Brien (4th artillery,) being thus left at this point without support, and not having men enough remaining to man his guns, had been compelled to withdraw from the contest; the Mississippi Rifles, (commanded by General Jefferson Davis,) were just upon the point of abandoning their ground; the enemy, flushed with success, were rushing upon our lines with redoubled energy; 'just at this moment,' says Gen. Davis, 'we were joined by Lieut. KILBURN, with a piece of light artillery, and Col. Lane's third regiment of Indiana Volunteers. Lieut. KILBURN opened a brisk and very effective fire; *the enemy immediately receded;* we advanced, *and he retired to the mountains.* No senior officer of Lieut. KILBURN's corps being present, it gives me pleasure to acknowledge the valuable services he rendered, and to express my admiration of the professional skill and soldierly qualities he manifested.' This was at least one of the 'turning points' of the battle; and had it not been for the effective fire of KILBURN's artillery at that decisive moment, the triumph of the enemy would have been complete. This was acknowledged by veterans in the service at the time, and will be so noted by posterity. And so long as the 'Field

of Buena Vista,' shall live in history, and be remembered throughout the world as the greatest achievement of modern ages, so long will the memory of KILBURN be encircled with a halo of glory.

"That celebrated officer, Major *Braxton Bragg*, in his report, after alluding to the particular services of the subject of this sketch on that day, pays him the following beautiful tribute—'Of Lieutenant KILBURN, whose coolness, efficiency and gallantry came under my personal observation, I cannot speak in terms more complimentary than he deserves. *His services are invaluable to me, whether in the camp, on the march, or in action.*'

"Lieutenant KILBURN subsequently received from Congress the brevet rank of Captain, 'for gallant and meritorious conduct in the battle of Buena Vista,' to date from February 23d, 1847."

After the war was over, Capt. Kilburn spent a year or two in New Mexico and California, and shared in many vicissitudes and adventures incident to the life of a soldier. On the 13th of September, 1853, he was appointed Commissary of Subsistence in the army, with the rank of Captain, and stationed at New Orleans, where he still remains in the discharge of the duties of this appointment. The post is considered a very important and honorable one.

### 115. HON. HENRY.

73. EMELINE, b. in Hartford in 1816; m. E. E. Marcy, *M. D.*, formerly of Hartford, but now of New York city—a distinguished Medical author and practitioner.

74. HENRY S., b. in Hartford in 1822; is a merchant in New York city.

75. JAMES E., b. in Hartford in 1825; is a merchant in New York city.

### 118. SAMUEL.

76. SAMUEL, m. Olivia Hannah, and has three children —Samuel, Ellen and Amelia. He is a tinsmith, carrying on business in Pennsylvania Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

77. JERUSHA, m. Ezekiel Mills, and resides in Baltimore, Md. She has eight children, viz., Amelia, Mary Jane,

William P., Ezekiel, Samuel S., Isaac O. J., Elmira and George.

78. AMELIA, m. Samuel B. Coley, of Baltimore, and had a daughter, Ellen Couts. After the death of Mr. Coley, she m. James L. Johnson, of Winchester, Va., and d. in August, 1853, leaving also a daughter, Jerusha, by her second husband.

79. GEORGE, m. a Mrs. Bosley, and has two daughters, Georgiana and Catharine. He is a tinsmith, and resides at No. 7 Mulberry st., Baltimore, Md.

80. MARY ANN, m. John R. Peach, of Baltimore, and had three children. She d. in August, 1854.

81. ANDREW JACKSON, m. Sarah Wells Jessup, and resides at 28 Mulberry st., Baltimore.

128. JAMES.

82. JAMES J., b. in Hartford, Conn., March 26, 1777; was a seaman in the British Navy when last heard from, many years ago.

83. ELIZABETH, b. in Hartford, Feb. 23, 1779; m. David Strong, and d. without children.

84. SALLY, b. in Hartford, June 30, 1781; m. Henry Arnold, and had five children, viz., (1.) Maria, m. Charles Roper, and lives in Bristol, Conn.; has no children. (2.) Henry, m. and lives in Bristol, Conn. (3.) Elizabeth, m. Solomon Griswold; lives in Rocky Hill, Conn. (4.) James S., m. and lives in New Haven, Conn. (5.) John, unmarried; lives in Windsor, Conn. Mrs. Sally Arnold d. Oct. 2, 1821.

85. THOMAS, b. in Hartford, June 5, 1784; was lost at sea, Nov. 26, 1803, aged 19 years.

86. WILLIAM, b. in Hartford, Aug. 18, 1786; d. May 29, 1802, aged 16 years.

87. RHODA, b. in Hartford, June 18, 1789; m. Chester Andrews, and had six children, viz., (1.) Cecelia, m. Allyn

S. Stillman, Esq., of Hartford, and has seven children. (2.) William, m. Lucy Ann Sloan; lives in Illinois. (3.) Elizabeth, unmarried; lives in Hartford. (4.) Jennette, m. David Hoyt, and lives in Deerfield, Mass.; has three children. (5.) Sarah, m. Henry Rose, and lives in Hartford; has three children. (6.) Michael S., m. and lives in Springfield, Mass.

88. GEORGE, b. in Hartford, July 6, 1792; m. Mary Van Zandt, of Albany, April 30, 1815, by whom he had four children, viz., Elizabeth, Sarah, James and Mary. Mary, his wife, d. Jan. 30, 1822; and on the 6th of March, following he m. Catharine Dale, by whom he had six children, viz., George, John, Catharine, William, Catharine (2d,) and Harriet. Mr. Kilbourn is a drum-maker in the city of Albany, N. Y., where he has resided for upwards of forty years.

89. HARRIET, b. in Hartford, Aug. 27, 1795; m. Phipps Deming, of that town, and d. childless.

132. ASHBEL.

90. CAPT. ASHBEL, b. in East Hartford, Conn., July 12, 1783; m. Roxa Gillett, of East Windsor, and had six children, viz., (1.) Jane, m. Chester Cowles, of East Hartford, Conn., and has a large family. (2.) Alfred, of East Hartford, m. Jerusha Roberts, and has four children; he was a Justice of the Peace in 1843. (3.) Ashbel, a book-binder in Hartford, Conn.; is m. and has a family. (4.) Sophronia, unmarried. (5.) Edwin. (6.) Sheldon, m. Lydia Abbe, of Manchester; d. a few years since. Capt. Ashbel Kilbourn commanded a ship, and was lost at sea Feb. 15, 1822, aged 38. Roxa, his wife, d. in 1851.

91. HARRY, b. in East Hartford, Dec. 10, 1785; I have no record of his family, though I believe he m. and had children.

92. NOAH, b. in East Hartford, Oct. 31, 1787; d. at the Island of Tortola, July 20, 1810.

93. LIVINIA, b. Oct. 6, 1789; and d. young.

94. ALFRED, b. in East Hartford, May 5, 1791; d. May 22, 1806.

95. LIVINIA, (2d,) b. in East Hartford, Feb. 25, 1794; m. H. Stoughton, of East Windsor.

96. ESTHER, b. in East Hartford, March 1, 1796; m. George Cotton, of East Hartford.

97. NATHAN, b. in East Hartford, Aug. 8, 1800; m. Lucy Burt, of East Hartford, Dec. 2, 1821; and had nine children, viz., Susan, Eliza B. Lucy M., George, Alfred, Sophia B., Amelia, Mary L. and James B. Mr. Kilbourn resides in Hartford, Conn.

98. LAURENA, b. in East Hartford, Oct. 18, 1805.

99. MARY, b. in East Hartford, Jan. 29, 1807.

167. DR. RALPH.

100. WILLIAM P., b. in Chelsea, Vt., Oct. 31, 1820; d. Dec. 31st, 1830.

101. HENRY GEORGE, b. in Chelsea, Sept. 6, 1822; m. Ann P. Simonds, June 23, 1851; had one child, Eva, b. in Montpelier, Vt., Dec. 17, 1852, and d. May 2, 1855. He was a Dentist in Montpelier; he d. April 9, 1855.

102. HORATIO EVERETT, b. in Chelsea, July 26, 1824; m. Frances A. Stone, and is a Dentist in St. Johnsbury, Vt. He has two children, viz., (1.) Charles Stone, b. in East Berkshire, Vt., Nov. 6, 1851. (2.) Clara Elizabeth, b. in St. Johnsbury, Vt., Aug. 8, 1854.

103. ISAAC D., b. in Chelsea, May 7, 1826; m. Mary Jane Crossman, and resides in St. Johnsbury. He is also a Dentist, and a graduate of the "New York Dental College," at Syracuse, N. Y.

104. MARY A., b. in Chelsea, Nov. 7, 1828; d. in Montpelier, May 24, 1852.

105. HARRIET, b. in Chelsea, June 10, 1830; she is a Music Teacher, and resides with her mother in Montpelier.

106. CLARA A., b. in Chelsea, Oct. 10, 1832; d. Nov. 23, 1853.

107. EDWIN A., b. in Chelsea, March 12, 1837; resides in Montpelier.

108. EDWARD R., (twin with Edwin A.,) resides at Montpelier.

179. HON. BYRON.

109. GLORIANA, d. in Milwaukee, Wis., May 8, 1845, aged sixteen years.

[FROM THE MILWAUKEE COURIER.]

**OBITUARY.**

As the intimate friend of an afflicted family and in justice to departed merit, I notice with feelings of the deepest anguish, the death on the 8th inst., of GLORIANA, daughter of Byron Kilbourn, Esq., aged about sixteen years. Suffering for the past four years from a distressing cough, and for six months previous to her decease, lingering with that flattering but fatal disease, the consumption, she evinced a degree of fortitude seldom found in one so young. Her character was worthy of admiration. Vices she had none, and her virtues were as manifold as her vices were few. Her accomplishments were numerous, and together with her many amiable qualities were eminently developed in the social circle. Kind and courteous to all, in truth "to know her was to love her." Thus in the midst of a beloved family, admiring friends, and surrounded with every prospect of a long life of happiness, disease and death, envious of so much bliss, stretched forth their ruthless hands and blasted every hope. Sensible to the last moment, and perhaps suspicious of her speedy dissolution, she evinced no dread of journeying "to that bourne from whence no traveler returns," but rather in the greatest serenity of mind, and like a little child resting her hand upon her cheek, she literally slumbered into eternity. If life's a mere probationary state, we should not on her account regret the change; and such a change, from misery to happiness, for if a guileless soul ever wended its way to regions of eternal bliss, the pure and gentle spirit of Anna has already plumed its wing for the celestial flight, to nestle in the bosom of its kind Creator. It seems as if she was too good, too pure for this world, and was only lent a while from Heaven to show us frail creatures how sinless a soul may inhabit this mortal clay. Therefore, why should we murmur that the Giver of all good, has taken to himself that which in His bounty to us He, for a brief period, entrusted to our care. Still

further has He displayed his love by selecting the one most fitted to appear in his holy presence as a means of drawing the mourners' hearts towards him, that they might more truly appreciate his solicitude for his erring children. Yet to our souls how bitter is the cup; our only solace then in such afflictions is to look from this world up to that kind Providence who, in the exercise of his wisdom and unbounded love, disposes of all things for our ultimate good.

At *morn* a flower sprung up in beauty's pride,
At noon it faded, wither'd, drooped and died.

*Communicated.*

110. LUCY FITCH, d. in Milwaukee, Nov. 8, 1845, aged fifteen years. She possessed a sweet and amiable disposition, with a mind highly intelligent and cultivated for one of her age, and died sincerely lamented by all who knew her.

111. JOHN FITCH, a child of much promise and many hopes, d. at an early age.

112. BYRON HECTOR, now fitting for college at the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire, Conn.

### 195. DEAC. JONATHAN S.

113. HENRY C., b. in Norfolk, Conn., June 24, 1821; he was formerly a manufacturer of broadcloths, satinets and stocking-yarn, of the firm of "H. C. & J. K. Kilbourn," at the stand previously occupied by his father, on Blackberry Brook, in Norfolk. The establishment subsequently became a joint stock company by the name of the "Weleka Company," with a capital of $20,000, of which the subject of this paragraph was a Director. He is still a resident of Norfolk; unmarried.

114. JOSEPH K., b. in Norfolk, Dec. 4, 1823; m. Jane J. Skillings, March 4, 1849, and has two children, Lizzie H. and Martha C. He was formerly of the firm of "H. C. & J. K. Kilbourn," and is now Director, Secretary and General Agent, of the "Norfolk Manufacturing Company," a joint stock corporation.

115. SARAH H., b. in Norfolk, Dec. 10, 1827; resides with her parents; unmarried.

116. EDWARD E., b. in Norfolk, June 4, 1831; m. Kate M. Ward, May 16, 1855. He is still connected with the "Weleka Company," of which he has been a Director and Secretary.

225. BENJAMIN.

117. MARIA, b. in Litchfield, Conn., Nov. 14, 1822; m. Henry P. Trowbridge, of that town, July 12, 1841, and has one son.

118. LYDIA ANN, b. in Litchfield, Jan. 6, 1824; m. Henry R. Ray, of South Farms, in her native town.

119. LEWIS SHERWOOD, b. in Litchfield, March 7, 1831; m. Miss Gertrude Dewey, of Springfield, Mass., March 14, 1854.

239. COL. JOHN.

120. HORACE, b. in Leeds county, C. W., in 1819; m. a daughter of Jesse Delong, Esq., and resides in Newboro', in his native county. In the Brockville Recorder, Oct., 1855, I notice his name in the list of Grand Jurors for the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville.

121. COLLINS, b. Nov. 1821; d. April, 1825.

122. HENRY, b. Sept. 1824; d. in Newboro', in Jan. 1845. An obituary notice in the Brockville Recorder, says —"This amiable young man some time previous to his death, was taken with an excessive hemorrhage, which ultimately produced such a state of debility as to induce fatal *coma*, from which it appears medical aid was unable to rouse him. Thus we see that 'in the midst of life we are in death.' He was attended throughout his sickness by Dr. Millar, who used every means that might be expected from medical skill for his recovery; but human efforts failed, and *Death*, the dread despoiler, triumphed over the fondest hopes and anticipations of tender parents."

123. RODERICK, b. in Leeds Co., C. W., April, 1827; was for some time a clerk in New York city, but left for Australia in 1852, and was engaged in the transportation business at Melbourne at the last accounts.

124. MARY, b. in Leeds county, in 1829; m. Mr. Chaffee, and resides at Newboro', Leeds county.

125. GEORGE, b. in Leeds county, in 1832; sailed from New York for Australia, in August, 1852, in company with his brother Roderick. After remaining about six months in that country, he went from Melbourne to Calcutta; and thence sailed a short distance up the Ganges, to see the country. He then went to China, returned to Calcutta, and came back to New York by way of the Cape of Good Hope —"quite satisfied to make Canada his future residence." Soon after his return home, he accepted a situation in the Bank of Upper Canada, at Port Sarnia.

126. EDMUND, b. in Leeds county, in 1835. In the summer of 1855, he went to New York city, and was there engaged as clerk in a large dry goods Importing House when last heard from.

127. WILLIAM PRICE, b. in Leeds county, in July, 1840; d. in Oct. 1846.

247. JAMES.

128. HIRAM, b. in Kitley, Leeds county, C. W.; m. and settled in Crosby, in his native county. Has several children —names unknown.

129. PAMELA, b. in Kitley, Leeds county; m. Benjamin McVey, of Yonge, Leeds county, and settled in that town. Mr. McVey d. in 1853, leaving several children.

130. SAMUEL, b. in Kitley, Leeds county; m. Mindwell Buckman, and settled at Frankville, in his native town. They have five or six children.

131. TRUMAN, b. in Kitley, Leeds county; m. and settled in his native town. Has two or three children.

132. ADELA, b. in Kitley, Leeds county; m. Washington Woolley, and settled in her native town. They have three or four children.

133. LEVI, b. in Kitley, Leeds county; m. Miss Ketchum, and resides in his native town. They have two children.

134. MELISSA, b. in Kitley, Leeds county; m. Mr. Hawks, of Yonge, and resides in that town.

135. JAMES, b. in Kitley, Leeds county; m. Miss Blanchard, of Greenbush, and resides in his native town.

136. SINAI, b. in Kitley, Leeds county; d. young.

137. ABIGAIL, b. in Kitley, Leeds county; m. Dr. Wilson, and removed to Hastings county, C. W., where they now reside.

138. CULVER, b. in Kitley, Leeds county; m. and lives with his father.

139. LUCRETIA, b. in Kitley, Leeds county; d. at about the age of 12 years.

### 248. BENJAMIN.

140. JOSEPH, b. in Kitley, Leeds county, C. W.; d. aged about 20 years.

141. VIRGIL, b. in Kitley, Leeds county; m. and settled in his native town. Has three or four children.

142. JOHN, b. in Kitley, Leeds county; m. Miss Haskins, and lives in his native town. Has several children.

143. PHEBE, b. in Kitley Leeds county; m. Daniel Dunham, and resides in her native town. They have one or two children.

144. VINCENT, b. in Kitley, Leeds county; lives at home; unmarried.

145. NEWTON, b. in Kitley, Leeds county; lives at home; unmarried.

253. REV. ASAHEL G.

146. PUBLIUS V., b. in Plum Hollow, Leeds county, C. W., Nov. 27, 1823. Entertaining from his early youth very strong predilections in favor of republican principles and institutions, he resolved, when about 20 years of age, to become a resident of the United States. He accordingly crossed over the Lake to Rochester, N. Y., and there apprenticed himself to the firm of Shepard & Reed, (proprietors of an extensive Book and Job Printing Office,) with a view of learning the art of printing. On completing his term of apprenticeship, he went to Buffalo, where he was unexpectedly offered a clerkship in the office of Jesse Walker, Esq., City Clerk, who was elected First Judge of Erie County in 1850, and died in 1852. In the spring of 1848, Mr. Kilborne accepted a clerkship in the office of the Hon. Orlando Allen, then Mayor of the city, and continued in his employ during his official term.*

In the autumn of 1848, the subject of this notice became associated with Benjamin Welsh, Esq., (since State Treasurer of New York,) as assistant editor of the Buffalo *Daily Republic*, a democratic (free soil) paper; but being a whig in

* The business of the Mayor's office was that year unusually pressing and important. In addition to the complicated business connected with the proceedings of the Common Council, the numerous local improvements of that rapidly extending and flourishing city, the daily meetings of the Board of Health, during the cholera season, demanded the prompt attention of the Mayor, who being at that time a railroad officer, and actively engaged in various railroad enterprises, left Mr. Kilborne in some instances for a week at a time to take the entire charge of the office. A crowd of defrauded and suffering emigrants also daily thronged the office, seeking redress for the grievous wrongs practiced upon them by swindling ticket agents and "runners." A regular system of plunder was organized throughout the line of transit from the Atlantic to the Mississippi, having New York for its centre. The bitter tales rehearsed by the unfortunate victims of this villainous system, and the many sad scenes of real suffering and wo, there witnessed by the subject of this sketch, will never be erased from his memory. During the season, about nine hundred spurious passenger tickets, sold in New York and Albany to emigrants destined for different western cities, were taken by Mayor Allen, for the purpose of having them redeemed by the reputed eastern agents, while he generously provided means for their conveyance to their several places of destination. Towards the close of the season, the Mayor dispatched an officer to arrest these pretended forwarding agents, but they had generally closed up their offices and vanished.

principle, he soon became disgusted with its bitter partizan character, and resigned his situation the following season. While returning from a visit to Canada, in the autumn of 1850, he met with a situation in the city of Oswego, where, after laboring as a compositor in the *Daily Journal* office for one year, he engaged in the enterprise of starting the *Daily Palladium*, under the direction of B. Brockway, Esq., then proprietor of the *Weekly Palladium*. The project proved successful, and that journal has become one of the most widely circulated and influential dailies in Northern New York. After acting in the capacity of local editor and reporter of the new daily for about a year, he left it for the same reasons that had presented themselves in Buffalo—the *Palladium* being a rigid democratic journal. He now returned to the office of the *Daily Journal* (whig,) having been invited by the proprietor, Mr. L. Winchester, to become his associate in conducting that paper. Here he remained until the occurrence of the disastrous fire, on the 5th of July, 1853, when nearly all the business portion of East Oswego, including the *Journal* office, was in the space of a few hours laid in ashes. This fearful general calamity completely frustrated the flattering prospects of Mr. Kilborne. After spending some months in settling the complicated affairs of the establishment, and seeing very little probability of the revival of the *Journal*, he resolved to try his fortune in the "Empire City"; and after visiting his home once more, he proceeded to the city of New York, where he engaged as book-keeper in the counting-room of the "Methodist Book Concern." Here he remained until August, 1854, when, in consequence of the increasing prevalence of the cholera, and his growing dislike to city life, he made a summer excursion to Connecticut. After visiting his kinsmen in that State for the first time, and attending the great annual gathering of Kilbourn family at Litchfield, he took up his residence in New Haven, where he is now employed as a compositor in the Yale College Printing Office.

The author of this volume is most happy to acknowledge his indebtedness to the subject of this sketch, for the invaluable assistance rendered by him through the entire progress of its publication. Not only were the type set and the proofs corrected by him, but much of the internal correctness and external beauty of the volume are due to his methodical arrangement, good taste, unwearied patience and skill in the noble art which he has chosen as the business of his life. His liberal contributions to the materials of this work, especially in regard to the Canadian Branches of the Family, and his efficient services as a member of the Publishing Committee, are also deserving of special acknowledgment.

147. PHILANDER S., b. in Plum Hollow, Leeds Co., C. W., Sept. 11, 1825; m. Ann Lawson, of Farmersville, Nov. 1, 1848, and settled in Kitley, Leeds county, where he still resides. His children are—(1.) Marsden Lawson, b. July 7, 1849. (2.) Wesley Elmore, b. April 26, 1851; d. May 7, 1855. (3.) Ira Adelbert, b. May 26, 1853. (4.) Watson Parish, b. Dec. 9, 1854.

148. LUCY ADALINE, b. in Leeds county, C. W., Dec. 6, 1826. She received a liberal education, and was for several years very successfully engaged as a district school teacher. In the winter of 1854, she opened a Select School for young ladies in Brockville, the flourishing county seat of Leeds county. On the 23d of June, 1855, she was married to the Rev. Aaron Miller, of Newburgh, C. W., and removed to Wallaceburgh, Lambeth county, nearly opposite the city of Detroit, where Mr. Miller was stationed by the Wesleyan Methodist Conference, of which he is a highly respected and useful member.

149. REV. IRA B., b. in Leeds county, C. W., Oct. 24, 1828. Being studious in his habits and elevated in his aspirations from his childhood, he eagerly improved the very lim-

ited opportunities afforded for acquiring an education. After obtaining a tolerable knowledge of the principal solid English branches, he commenced teaching school at Charleston, in his native county. Finding, however, that his intellectual attainments were insufficient to satisfy his inquiring mind, he went to Toronto, and there attended the Provincial Normal School for about a year; and then resumed teaching at Madoc, Hastings county, where he taught school the two following winters, and traveled for his health during the intervening summer. In August, 1852, he went to Glanford, Gore District, and taught school there during the following winter. During the summer of 1853, he again attended the Normal School at Toronto. By this time he had studied so incessantly as to seriously affect his health; yet he continued to prosecute his studies with new impulses and increasing ardor, until his frail constitution gave way, and he was compelled to return home.

In early youth, the subject of this sketch had united with the Methodist church in his native town, and had continued a steadfast and active member. In accordance with a sense of duty and the warm encouragement of his clerical friends, he began some five years since, with all diligence to prepare himself for the work of the ministry. Having regained his health, and undergoing a satisfactory examination at the Quarterly Conference, he was licensed to preach; and appointed to the Nanticoke Mission, in the autumn of 1853. He still continued his Theological studies with renewed diligence, in which he had to contend with great discouragements, particularly ill health. The expenses of his education have been defrayed by the proceeds of his own industry, and he has bravely struggled through those difficulties by which many young men are disheartened, and diverted from the path of usefulness and honor.

At the Annual Conference, held at London, (Canada West,) in June, 1855, Mr. Kilborne was appointed to travel a cir-

cuit in Waterloo county, where he is now laboring with abundant success. He is 27 years of age; unmarried, and resides in Woolwich, Waterloo county, C. W.

150. LYDIA EMELINE, b. in Leeds county, C. W., May 8, 1835; m. Robert S. Copeland, of Harlem, Leeds county, June, 1855, and settled in that place.

### 271. PUTNAM.

151. CAPT. HIRAM G., b. in Litchfield, Oct. 19, 1814; m. Harriet Moulthrop, Dec. 24, 1840, and settled in his native town. His children are—Mary Catharine and Herbert Eugene. Mrs. Harriet Kilbourn d. a few years ago, and Mr. Kilbourn has since married again.

152. ROLLIN F., b. in Litchfield, Aug. 24, 1818; m. Louisa M. Cogswell, of Washington, Nov. 13, 1844, and has three children, viz., Angeline Elizabeth, Ida Marina and Jeremiah Freeman. He resides in his native town.

153. JEREMIAH, b. in Litchfield, July 12, 1821; m. Rachel Westover, March 14, 1844, and had two sons, viz., David Putnam and Francis Jeremiah. He was a Director of the Litchfield Vigilant Society, and a Vestryman of St. Michael's Parish. He d. in his native town, Dec. 1, 1850.

154. ABIGAIL, (eldest daughter) b. in Litchfield, March 20, 1824; m. Henry W. Birge, of Litchfield, and settled in Bethlem.

155. HOBART, b. in Litchfield, April 8, 1826; m. Laura Freeman, of Colebrook, and has a daughter Susan.

156. CHARLES P., b. in Litchfield, Jan. 26, 1829; d. April 29, 1831.

157. CLARISSA J., (the youngest daughter,) b. in Litchfield, Nov. 13, 1830; m. Frederick B. Hand, in 1855, and resides in her native town.

158. CHARLES MARTIN, b. in Litchfield, May 2, 1836; resides with his parents; unmarried.

### 384. DAVID, ESQ.

159. ABRAHAM, b. in Vermont, Nov. 26, 1806; m. Hilinda Ellsworth; resides in Potter county, Penn.

160. TRUMAN, b. in Vermont, Jan. 7, 1809; m. (1st,) Clarissa Barnes (2d,) Emeline Reynolds.

161. BETSEY, b. in Vermont, March 2, 1811; d. Jan. 12, 1823.

162. ANN, b. in Vermont, July 24, 1813; d. Sept. 8, 1827.

163. PHILENA, b. in Hector, Potter county, Pennsylvania, Sept. 23, 1815; m. B. L. Wilbur, and resides in her native town.

164. LUCINDA, b. in Hector, Penn., Feb. 6, 1817; d. Aug. 22, 1827.

165. MARY, b. in Hector, Penn., March 23, 1820; m. Amos Coolidge, and resides in Delmar, Tioga county, Penn. The mother of Mr. Coolidge was Pamela Kilborn, a daughter of Mr. David Kilborn, a native of Litchfield, Conn., and a sister of Col. John Kilborn, of Brockville, Canada West.

166. DAVID, Jun., b. in Hector, Penn., Dec. 25, 1821; m. Temma Reynolds, and resides in his native town.

167. IRA F., b. in Hector, Penn., Feb. 15, 1853; m. Leity Douglass; he was recently Postmaster at West Pike, Penn.

168. CHARLES N., b. in Hector, Penn., Aug. 26, 1827; m. Esther Brian; resides in his native town.

169. AMOS, b. in Hector, Penn., June 9, 1831; resides in his native town.

386. JOHN M.

170. HON. JOHN M., b. in Tioga county, Penn., January 30, 1816; m. Mary Jane Bellows, May 26, 1839, and has four children, viz., Lydia Ann, John Wells, (d. in Oct. 1849, aged 7 years,) Elliott Alphonso, and Eldred Mercer.

His father died when he was about eight years of age, and he soon after went to reside with his uncle, David Kilborn, Esq., of Hector, Potter county, Pa., with whom he remained until he was about twenty years of age. He then commenced lumbering at the uppermost mills on Pine Creek, seventy miles from its junction with the Susquehanna, and continued in that business, and as a pilot on Pine Creek and on the Susquehanna, for several years. During the year in which he was admitted an elector, (1837,) he was chosen a constable of Pike township and Supervisor for three years. In 1842, he was chosen a Justice of the Peace, an office which he held about ten years. In the fall of 1851, his name was brought before the County Convention, for the office of High Sheriff, but he lacked two votes of obtaining the nomination. He was, however, in October of that year, elected a Representative to the Pennsylvania Legislature from the double district composed of the counties of Potter, Lycoming and Clinton, by a majority of 641. In this distinguished body he took a high position as a practical debater and legislator, and served on the Committees on Roads and Bridges, on Corporations, and on Contested Elections. In March, 1852, he was appointed aid-de-camp to Governor Bigler, with the rank of Lieut. Colonel.

At the General Election in October, 1852, Col. Kilborn was re-elected to the House of Representatives, by an increased majority. Previous to the assembling of the Legislature, he was frequently named in the public prints in connection with the office of Speaker,* for which he was sub-

"* JOHN M. KILBORN, ESQ.

"As a number of persons have been mentioned in connection with the Speakership of the House of Representatives, it may not be improper to mention that of the able and talented representative from the county of Potter. Mr. Kilborn was a member of the last Legislature, took an active part in its pro-

sequently a candidate before the Legislative caucus. At the commencement of the session, he was appointed Speaker, *pro tem.;* and was made Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means—the most honorable and important position in the House except that of Speaker. He also served on the Committee on Roads and Bridges; and was often called to preside over the House when in Committee of the Whole. He is still a resident of Pike, Potter county, Penn.

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ceedings, and on all occasions proved himself an able debater, and a firm, staunch, and reliable democrat. The writer of this article has had no conversation with him on the subject, but a sincere desire to have a presiding officer, firm and decisive, as well as courteous and kind, impels this communication. He possesses the requisite qualifications, understands well the rules which govern deliberative bodies, and would, were he elected to the station, give general satisfaction in the discharge of its duties. Those who are acquainted with the legislative proceedings, know full well the importance of having a good presiding officer, not only in the facility with which the public business would be transacted, but also the correctness in the decision of questions of order. No one who knows Mr. Kilborn will doubt his capacity, and if it be an honor, none are more worthy. This is not intended to disparage the claims of others, but in justice to an estimable man."—*Harrisburgh Union.*

"THE SPEAKERSHIP.

"The names of several prominent democrats are already suggested in connection with the next Speakership of the House, in this State. The last Harrisburgh Union has a communication in favor of the spirited Member from this District—Hon. John M. Kilborn. His chances, we understand, are pretty fair. Then there is William P. Schell, of Fulton, J. R. Strothers, of Carbon, Smith Skinner, of Philadelphia, and Henry S. Mott, of Pike—all mentioned favorably."—*Clinton Dem., Nov.* 8, 1852.

"SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

"An esteemed correspondent recommends JOHN M. KILBORN, Esq., of Potter, for the Speakership of the House of Representatives. William P. Schell, Esq., of Fulton, has also been warmly recommended for the same place by various democratic papers. Others have been named in this connection; among them are Geo. F. Gilmore, Esq., of Alleghany. and Messrs. Hook and Hill, of Fayette."—*Keystone.*

"COL. J. M. KILBORN.

"This gentleman is highly spoken of by many of the most able and influential papers of the State, as a suitable candidate for Speaker of the House of Representatives. Col. Kilborn occupied a high position among the members of the last Legislature. He was one of the most active, intelligent, and industrious members of the House. He was frequently called upon by Mr. Speaker Rhey, to occupy the Chair, in Committee of the Whole—always discharging the duties of the Chair with singular fidelity and ability. He possesses a thorough and intimate knowledge of the rules—industrious, prompt and active—honest and strictly impartial, and withal, a sound and reliable democrat. We believe that Col. Kilborn possesses all the qualifications necessary to make a prompt, able and impartial presiding officer. We hope to see the democratic members from Northern Pennsylvania, give him a united support, and his election will be sure."—*Potter (Pa.) Union.*

171. HARVEY B., b., in Tioga county, Penn.; m. Sally Ann Horton, and resides in Delmar, Tioga county, Penn.

172. CHAUNCEY P., b. in Tioga county, Penn.; a farmer; resides in Hector, Potter county, Penn.

173. LUCY B., b. in Tioga county, Penn.; m. Erastus Niles, of Delmar, Tioga county, Penn.

174. ALPHONSO, d. in childhood.

418. NORMAN.

175. WILLIAM P. b. in Litchfield, July 27, 1811; m. Caroline A. Canfield, of South Farms, June 7, 1832, and has two children—Dwight Canfield and Urania Jane. Mr. Kilbourn is the proprietor of the Oil Mill at Bantam Falls. He has been a Vestryman of St. Michael's Parish, President of the Litchfield Vigilant Society, &c. On his premises, and under his general supervision, was held, Sept. 6, 1854, the largest "Kilbourn Meeting" that was ever convened.*

176. HENRY, b. in Litchfield, July 30, 1813; m. Lucretia McCorney; he is a manufacturer of clocks, in New Haven, Conn.

177. CAPT. GEORGE, b. in Litchfield, Dec. 27, 1815; m. Betsey Wright, and has two daughters, Frances and Augusta. While a resident of Unionville, Conn., in May, 1841, he was commissioned as Captain of the 3d Rifle Company, 14th Regiment, Connecticut militia. He now lives in New Britain, Conn.

178. HOMER, b. in Litchfield; m. Harriet Wattles, of Bethlem, and settled as a merchant in Milton, were he still resides. He was a Justice of the Peace in 1846 and in 1850; and is proprietor of the "Kilbourn House," the only hotel in the village of Milton.

179. HANNAH, b. in Litchfield; m. Edward Woodruff, of that town, and has a daughter, Lucy.

* See Appendix.

420. TRUMAN.

180. CHARLES J., *M. D.*, b. in Litchfield, July 11, 1820; m. Harriet, daughter of Mr. James C. Wadsworth, of Litchfield, and d. in his native town, in 1852.

[FROM THE LITCHFIELD ENQUIRER—JAN. 27, 1852.]

DIED—In this village, 21st inst., CHARLES J. KILBOURN, M. D., aged 32—eldest son of Truman Kilbourn, Esq.

Dr. Kilbourn graduated at the Fairfield (N. Y.) Medical College, in 1842, receiving his degree from the Regents of the University of the State of New York. Soon after, he commenced the practice of his profession in Dutchess county, N. Y., which he continued successfully for several years, until failing health compelled him to abandon the field of his labors and of his hopes. The winter of 1850–'51 he spent in St. Augustine, Fla., whither he had resorted with the fond anticipation that the milder atmosphere of the South might permanently restore his wasting energies. He returned in the spring, with his health and spirits somewhat revived. About a year since, he was appointed Treasurer for the State of Connecticut of the Washington National Monument Fund, the duties of which he continued to discharge until a short time previous to his decease. He was a gentleman of fine talents, genial heart, and agreeable manners, and leaves many friends to mourn his untimely departure. His end was peace. On Sunday afternoon last, an able and impressive funeral discourse, on the occasion of his death, was preached by the Rev D. L. Parmelee, of South Farms, in the Congregational church in this village.—[*Communicated.*

181. WILLIAM L., b. in Litchfield, Nov. 2, 1823; m. a Miss Smith, of New Haven, and was for some years a dry goods merchant at 108 Chapel street, in that city, of the firm of Rogers & Kilbourn. He is now in the same business in the city of New York.

182. TRUMAN C., b. in Litchfield, May 22, 1831; resides with his parents in Waterbury, Conn.; unmarried.

183. ELIZABETH, b. in Litchfield, Aug. 19, 1835; d. July 18, 1841.

# GENERATION IX.

33. AARON.

AARON RICHARDSON, b. in Whitneyville, Conn., July 9, 1821; m. Elizabeth Smith, and was for several years in partnership with his father as a machinist, in New Haven. His children are—(1.) Charles Henry, b. June 9, 1846; (2.) Edwin Beers, b. Oct. 16, 1848; (3.) and (4.) Eugene Smith and Clarence Waite (twins,) b. Aug. 14, 1855.

2. MEHITABLE ELIZABETH, b. in Whitneyville, Oct. 22, 1822; m. William Welles Waite, of New Haven. Her children are—(1.) Richard Welles, b. June 17, 1845; (2.) Mary Elizabeth,* b. Aug. 14, 1847; d. Dec. 30, 1854; (3.) George Thomas, b. Sept. 20, 1850; d. Aug. 9, 1851; (4.) George Washington, b. Nov. 9, 1852; (5.) Esther Florence, b. Sept. 21, 1854.

3. ALMIRA PHINETTA, b. in Whitneyville, June 1, 1824; m. Joseph L. Hotchkiss, May 5, 1844, and reside in New Haven. They have no children.

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*** IN MEMORIUM.**

"Mary, thou art happy now—
Gone, where the glories of the blest surround thee,
Gone, ere the weight of early years had bound thee
To all below.
Pearl of our heart, farewell!—
Blest is the lot of one so soon departed;
We yield to God the treasure He imparted—
Farewell, farewell!"

4. ESTHER FARNHAM, b. in Whitneyville, June 24, 1828; m. John H. Johnson, of New Haven, June 1, 1846, and settled in that city. In the spring of 1851, they removed to Columbus, Ohio, and thence to Nashville, Tennessee. In the autumn of 1852, they returned to New Haven. Mr. Johnson d. July 19, 1853. Mrs. Johnson now resides with her father in New Haven. Their children are —(1.) John Summerfield, b. May 20, 1849; (2.) Phinetta Elizabeth, b. April 23, 1853.

5. MARY LOUISA*, b. Nov. 21, 1829; d. Sept. 6, 1832.

6. GEORGE FRANKLIN, b. Oct. 30, 1832; m. Sophia P. Davis, Aug. 31, 1851, and has two children, viz., (1.) George Aaron, b. Feb. 26, 1853; (2.) Sophia Elizabeth, b. April 21, 1855. Mr. Kilborn is a book-keeper, and resides in New Haven.

7. BENJAMIN HART, b. April 25, 1837; is a machinist, and resides with his parents in New Haven.

### 41. HON. DAVID W.

8. DAVID WELLS, b. in Albany, N. Y., June 18, 1828; d. July 9, 1828.

9. HENRY WILLIAMS, b. in Albany, N. Y., July 19, 1829: he had intended to enter Yale College in the fall of 1849, but in the early part of that year he was induced to join an over-land expedition for California.

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* **TO ONE IN HEAVEN.**

"MARY is an angel now,
Her home is in the sky;
She shines among those living lights,
Beneath her Maker's eye.
A freshly gathered lily,
A bud of early doom,
She has been transplanted from the earth
To bloom beyond the tomb."

[FROM THE IOWA STATESMAN—JAN. 3, 1850.]

**OBITUARY.**

"HENRY W. KILBOURNE, of Fort Madison, Iowa, died on the 23d of October last, at Sacramento City, California, aged 20 years."

"Such is the brief record gathered from an eastern paper, of the death of the eldest son of DAVID W. KILBOURNE, Esq., of this place, who left his father's house in the month of May last, for the shores of the Pacific.

"No letters were received from him after his arrival in the valley of the Sacramento, and the first direct information his friends had about him is, that he is dead! They have learned nothing of the details of his sickness, or suffering—they only know that he is no more!

"His bereaved parents and brothers are overwhelmed by the mournful intelligence of his decease, and crushed down by a great sorrow, which He only who orders all things for His own wise, inscrutable, yet merci ful purposes, can assuage.

No young man ever stood fairer, or was more popular, in the community, where he was known, than HENRY KILBOURNE. Agreeable in his manners, kind in his intercourse with acquaintances and most fervently and affectionately attached to the inmates of his own home, he was a general favorite with all. All therefore, who knew him, deeply mourn for his loss, and feel it perhaps more keenly, when they remember that he died far away from his home, and in the very bloom and springtime of his youth.

"The desire of gathering gold had but little, if anything, to do with his journey over the plains; he was rather carried away by that irrepressible spirit of adventure, and travel, so common to the youth of our country, and especially those residing in the Mississippi Valley.

"From books and papers, which he left behind him, his parents find consolation in discovering that he was fully impressed with the uncertainty of life, and the necessity of preparing for another state. They are consoled to know that his mind was not wholly engaged in seeking riches on earth, but that he was also employed in laying up treasures in that place where 'neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.' And they will doubtless find solace in the well-founded hope that his spirit passed away from the Valley of the Sacramento, rich in *earthly* gold, to walk in that city whose 'streets are *pure* gold'—the New Jerusalem."

10. GEORGE ERSKINE, b. in New York city, May 26, 1832; m. Augusta, eldest daughter of Albert Wells,

Esq., of Peekskill, N. Y., Oct. 10, 1854. Mr. Kilbourne is a graduate of the St. Louis Commercial College, and is now an Importer and wholesale dealer in China, Glass and Queensware, at Keokuk, Iowa. He was a Commissioner from that State to the "World's Fair," in 1853.

11. EDWARD GERMAIN, b. in New York city, Aug. 12, 1835.

88. GEORGE.

12. ELIZABETH, b. in Albany, N. Y., Jan. 11, 1816; m. Elias Wickham; d. Aug. 10, 1840.

13. SARAH, b. in Albany, June 3, 1818; d. Feb. 15, 1821.

14. JAMES, b. in Albany, March 22, 1820; m. Catharine Livingston, of Bern, N. Y., Sept. 10, 1842, and has several young children. He is recognised wherever he is known, as one of the most extraordinary men of the age. While yet in his minority, he became famous as a public speaker, though he had enjoyed but the ordinary advantages of a "common school education." Gentlemen of eminence and wealth, attracted by his eloquence, generously came forward, and offered to defray his expenses at the University; but he declined their offers and solicitations, preferring the more independent position of a carpenter to that of a recipient of charity. The author of this volume heard him for the first time at a mass meeting of the friends of temperance holden in one of the parks in the city of Albany, in the summer of 1842, (when the orator was about 22 years of age). As it had been announced that Mr. Kilbourne was to speak, his fame had drawn together an immense crowd of people. He came upon the stand with his coat off and his sleeves rolled up, as if just from the work-shop—as he doubtless was—and made one of the most effective speeches we ever listened to. He was soon employed as an agent of the State Temperance Society, and his services were also frequently called into re-

quisition at political meetings and Conventions. In the Presidential Campaign of 1844, he was employed by the friends of Mr. Polk to canvass the State of New York in his behalf, and it is sufficient to remark, that on all occasions he acquitted himself with honor, and came out of the contest with an increased reputation for talents and political tact and information.* At the Convention at Albany, when it was estimated that 70,000 people were present, he was twice called out by the enthusiastic populace, and his addresses on the occasion were regarded as among the most eloquent of that exciting campaign. He has also been called upon to address Lyceums and other Literary Associations, on occasions of great public interest, and has never failed to elicit the surprise and admiration of his hearers. In September, 1852, he delivered the annual address before the "Kilbourn Historical and Genealogical Society," at Norfolk, Conn.

He still continues to divide his time between the carpenter's shop and the forum—evidently preferring the former, though quite "at home" in either place. In 1853, and again in 1854, he was the candidate of the branch of the democratic party to which he belongs, for Member of the State Legislature for the city of Albany.†

* The Albany *Atlas*, referring to the Presidentlal Campaign of 1844, in the State of New York, says—"Mr. Van Buren spoke on this subject (the Tariff,) to the democrats of every town in Albany county, and repeatedly to the assembled democracy of the city. Mr. KILBOURNE occupied the same ground on this subject, devoting his entire time for a month previous to the contest, speaking almost daily to all classes, with a freedom that drew upon him the denunciations of the federal press as "a free-trade destructive," and with an eloquence and effectiveness that elicited the warmest admiration and applause of the thousands who heard him. Mr. Kilbourne is a mechanic of this city, a plain man, but with great natural powers of oratory, and an honesty, purity, and sincerity, calculated to win the confidence of all."

† In 1853, the vote stood—Pruyn, (whig,) 1362; Kilbourne, (soft,) 755; Sayles, (hard,) 456; McEllrath, (Maine Law,) 561. In 1854, the vote stood—Davidson, (whig,) 1238; Deforest, (Maine Law,) 1159; Kilbourne, (soft,) 806; Johnson, (hard,) 413. Though Mr. Kilbourne has ever been a strenuous advocate for the cause of temperance, he is not a friend of the Maine Law; he believes in "moral suasion." Consequently, the temperance vote was generally cast against him in these contests.

Mr. Pruyn, the successful candidate in Kilbourne's District in 1853, was elected Speaker of the House.

The following sketch is from the "Albany *Express*," of Nov. 8, 1853:

"JAMES KILBOURNE is the nominee of the "Soft Shells" of the 3d District for member of Assembly.

KILBOURNE is one of the oddities of this world. *Education* will not make a man eloquent. *Nature* will and does. KILBOURNE is, emphatically, the representative of the People. He is of them, and belongs to them. We have heard him speak in Political and in Religious meetings, and in each with characteristic power, eloquence and cogency. He is a remarkable man. He is a carpenter 'by trade,' and glories in his calling, his position in life, his uncombed hair, and his satinet round-a-bout. He would be out of place and out of humor in a suit of even passable broadcloth, or a hat not more than a century out of fashion. He 'believes' in none of these things. Indeed, KILBOURNE, we verily think, delights in looking just as 'rough' as possible—in appearing, like Greeley, as the pink of eccentricity. Whether one sees him at the Capitol, in the Lecture Room of the Church, or in the Ward Committee Room, he is always the same—just JAMES KILBOURNE, 'the Albany Carpenter,' and nobody else.

"KILBOURNE is, intellectually, a powerful man. His mind, cast 'in the rough,' and uncultivated, is one of remarkable strength. He is a natural orator. Education would spoil KILBOURNE. He is a man sprung from the People. He is *of* them and *with* them. It is perfectly *natural* for him to rise up in presence of any number of his fellow beings and talk to them. Nature has been lavish of some of her gifts in his behalf. He possesses lungs of stentorian power. He has all the confidence that is requisite for a public speaker. He is remarkably eloquent in his speeches, happy in his illustrations, and 'apt' in his 'hard hits.' He is able, whenever called upon, to make the best and most effective off-hand speech that we ever listened to. There is more strength than polish in what KILBOURNE says, and he sometimes rises to a point of eloquence that "tells" with electric influence upon all his hearers.

"We heard him on a recent occasion. Being vociferously called for, he came forward, and spoke in his own way, and after his own fashion. The people had nearly despaired of his response to their request, but at length a great, uncombed, shock head of hair was seen rising from out a sea of other heads, and then the expressive features, and broad shoulders and old round-a-bout of KILBOURNE followed. A shout rent the air, and he came forward and went to speaking. He was dressed in a pair of blue 'over-alls' and a blue cotton shirt that was making desperate efforts to cover a red flannel under garment of the same character. He had on neither stock, cravat nor collar. He threw down his old slouched

hat, and, with 'jacket' and vest unbuttoned, 'went at it.' Soon the perspiration began to flow freely, and scarce five minutes had elapsed ere, without ceasing to speak, he pulled off his coat, revealing patches in his trowsers larger than that celebrated one of Marcy's. The people fairly yelled at this 'popular movement,' and then he went on unembarrassed, in a speech full of unhewn eloquence, wit, sarcasm, hard-hits and wondrous felicity, until he completely 'carried away' his audience, and triumphed thoroughly.

"Well, KILBOURNE *may* be elected, although his district is a tough one for a democrat, especially when *four* candidates are 'up' in it. If he *should* get into the Assembly, he will not fail to 'make his mark' in that 'august body,' and exert an influence equal to and vastly purer than that wielded by Mike Walsh."

15. MARY, b. in Albany, Jan. 23, 1822.

16. GEORGE, b. in Albany, Oct. 20, 1823; a seaman.

17. JOHN, b. in Albany, March 16, 1825; a stove-dealer in his native city.

18. CATHARINE, b. in Albany, Oct. 14, 1826; d. Nov. 20, 1828.

19. WILLIAM, b. in Albany, Aug. 15, 1828.

20. CATHARINE, (2d,) b. in Albany, Aug. 25, 1830; d. Feb. 16, 1838.

21. HARRIET, b. in Albany, Jan. 26, 1834; d. Jan. 17, 1838.

### 90. CAPT. ASHBEL.

22. JANE E., b. in East Hartford, Conn., Sept. 24, 1806; m. William Cowles, of East Hartford, Feb. 11, 1828, and has eight children, viz., Kate E., William A., Ellen L., Mary L., Frances M., Roger S., Samuel A., and Edwin R.

23. ALFRED, b. in East Hartford, July 11, 1809; m. Jerusha W. Roberts, of that town, Nov. 29, 1838, and has four children, viz., Mary J., Harriet T., Ellen M. and Alfred E. Mr. Kilbourn was a Justice of the Peace in 1843.

24. ASHBEL, b. in East Hartford, Jan. 27, 1812; m. Louisa Price, of Wethersfield, and has five children, viz.,

William A., Louisa R., Nathan A., Edwin A. and an infant son. He is a book-binder in Hartford.

25. SOPHRONIA, b. in East Hartford, July 11, 1814; unmarried.

26. EDWIN, b. in East Hartford, Dec. 19, 1817; m. Nancy E. Kendall, of Tolland, Conn., and has two children, Amelia R. and Eva M.

27. SHELDON, b. in East Hartford, May 28, 1820; m. Lydia Abbey, of Manchester, Dec. 7, 1848, and has two children, viz., Emma and Sheldon A. Mr. Kilbourn d. Jan. 29, 1853.

# MATERIALS

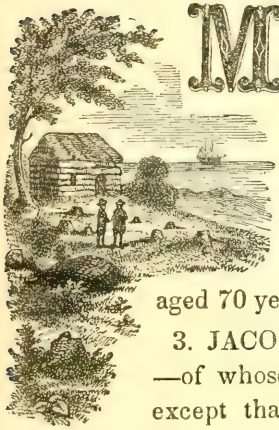
FOR A GENEALOGY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF

# GEORGE KILBORN,

OF ROWLEY, MASSACHUSETTS.*

## GENERATION III.

3. GEORGE KILBORN OF ROWLEY MASS.



MARY, b. in Rowley, Mass., May 3, 1649.

2. JOSEPH, b. in Rowley, "2d month 1," 1652; m. Frances Trumble, May 30, 1678, and had seven children, viz., Joseph, Ann, Joseph, (2d,) George, Mary, Elizabeth and Abigail. He d. March 5, 1722–3, aged 70 years.

3. JACOB, b. in Rowley, "1 mo. 10," 1654—of whose subsequent history I know nothing, except that he was a soldier in the "Indian wars" in 1680. There was a Jacob Kilborn, "published" in Rowley, to Dorcas Harris, Sept. 8, 1716—at which date the subject of this paragraph was 62 years of age.

* For a notice of George Kilborn, see page 41 of this volume. Following the order of "Generations" observed in the body of this work, the children of George (who was a son of Thomas,) belong to the third Generation—and thus I have placed them. I regret that I have been less successful in tracing the pedigree of this Branch of our Family, than I have in following that of the Connecticut Branch. This has been partly owing to the fact that Rowley and the other towns where the family of George Kilborn lived and died, are situated so remote from my residence that I have been unable to make a *personal* examination of the records, but mainly because a large proportion of his descendants have manifested too little interest on the subject of my investigations to answer my repeated letters of inquiry. Consequently I have been compelled to print a large part of the "materials" in a *disconnected* form.

4. SAMUEL, b. in Rowley, " 9 mo. 11," 1656 ; m. Mary Foster, Nov. 12, 1682, and had six children, viz., Hannah, Samuel, David, Maria, Jedediah and Eliphalet. He d. April 22, 1722. His will is on record in the probate office in Ipswich, Mass.

5. ISAAC, b. Jan. 26, 1659 ; m. Mary Cheney, July 24, 1684, and had five children, viz., Elizabeth, Martha, Mary, John and Isaac. Isaac Kilborn d. Dec. 19, 1713. He was deaf and dumb from his birth.

6. ELIZABETH, b. in Rowley, Feb. 1, 1663.

# GENERATION IV.

2. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH, b, in Rowley, Mass., Oct. 20, 1678; d. in infancy.

2. ANN, b. in Rowley, Nov. 28, 1680; probably d. Sept. 30, 1741, unmarried.

3. JOSEPH, b. in Rowley, Jan. 16, 1683–'4; m. Mary Clark, June 6, 1707, and had six children, viz., Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary, Joanna, Joseph and Ebenezer.

4. GEORGE, b. in Rowley, Jan. 21, 1686–'7; m. Phœbe Palmer, May 13, 1712, and had Mehitable and Hannah. He d. suddenly, June 8, 1758; she d. Sept. 10, 1762.

5. MARY, b. in Rowley, Sept. 22, 1689.

6. ELIZABETH, b. in Rowley, June 22, 1792; d. in infancy.

7. ABIGAIL, b. in Rowley, July 14, 1694.

4. SAMUEL.

8. HANNAH, b. in Rowley, Oct. 2, 1683; m. Judah Clark, April 5, 1701.

9. SAMUEL, b. in Rowley, July 20, 1687; m. Mary Lovell, Dec. 7, 1734;* d. in Rowley, Aug. 14, 1761, aged 75. The Rowley records mention the decease of four children of this marriage, viz., Hepsibah, Richard, Eliphalet, Mary—all in childhood; and Mary and George, who lived to maturity.

* This would make Samuel 47 years old when he married. Had he a previous wife?

10. DAVID, b. in Rowley, March 12, 1689; m. Elizabeth Fiske, of Ipswich, Jan. 25, 1724. His wife having d. April 17, 1731, he m. Ruth Fiske, of Andover, Nov. 5, 1731. The children of David and Ruth Kilborn were—David, David, Jonathan, David, Ruth, Samuel, William, Lydia, Ruth and Samuel. He removed to Lunenburg, Mass., in 1765, and d. there in 1776, aged 87 years.

11. MARIA, b. in Rowley, July 21, 1696; d. Sept. 24, 1710.

12. JEDEDIAH, b. in Rowley, April 20, 1699; m. Susannah Fiske, of Ipswich, March 22, 1724. "Cornet Jedediah Kilborn d. Feb. 4, 1759, aged 60." Susannah, his widow, d. Sept. 27, 1764.

13. DR. ELIPHALET, b. in Rowley, in 1706; m. Jane, widow of Nathan Frazer, and daughter of Mark Prime, in 1745. Dr. Kilborn d. June 4, 1752. Their only daughter Jane Kilborn, (b. April 15, 1746,) m. the Rev. Samuel Williams, LL.D., of Bradford, Mass., (afterwards of Rutland, Vt.,) May 5, 1768. The late Hon. Charles Kilborn Williams, LL.D., Governor and Chief Justice of Vermont, was a son of the Rev. Dr. Samuel and Jane (Kilborn) Williams.

5. ISAAC.

14. ELIZABETH, b. in Rowley, April 10, 1685; m. Joseph Dresser, in 1706.

15. MARTHA, b. in Rowley, Nov. 25, 1687.

16. MARY, b. in Rowley, March 17, 1696–'7; m. Thomas Burper.

17. JOHN, b. in Rowley, May 12, 1700.

18. ISAAC, b. in Rowley, Oct. 15, 1707.

# GENERATION V.

3. JOSEPH.

SARAH, b. in Rowley, July 23, 1711.

2. ELIZABETH, b. in Rowley, Nov. 15, 1713.

3. MARY, b. in Rowley, Jan. 3, 1715–'16.

4. JOANNA, b. in Rowley, Dec. 7, 1717; m. Jeremiah Todd, Oct. 6, 1739.

5. JOSEPH, b. in Rowley, July 2, 1719; m. Sarah Thurston, Dec. 17, 1741, and had five children born in Rowley, viz., Daniel, Joseph, Lydia, Mary and Thomas. Mrs. Sarah Kilborn d. Sept. 9, 1783.

6. EBENEZER, b. in Rowley, Feb. 1, 1720–'21; m. Abigail ——, and had six children, viz., Abigail, Anne, Ivory, Dorcas, Elizabeth and Molly. Mrs. Abigail Kilborn d. Dec. 24, 1804, aged 89; Mr. Ebenezer Kilborn d. Nov. 24, 1808, aged 88.

4. GEORGE.

7. MEHITABLE, b. in Rowley, Feb. 6, 1712–'13; m. Jonathan Jewett, Nov. 28, 1741.

8. HANNAH, b. in Rowley, Aug. 25, 1715.

9. JANE, d. in Rowley, May 25, 1736.

10. MARTHA, d. in Rowley, Dec. 3, 1759.

9. SAMUEL.

11. MARY, b. Sept. 10, 1737; m. Solomon Cram, of Lyndsboro, N. H.

12. CAPT. GEORGE, b. in Rowley, July 22, 1743; m. Elizabeth Britt, and had eleven children. He d. June 7, 1818.*

10. DAVID.

13. DAVID, b. in Rowley, Oct. 10, 1733; d. aged 3 months.

14. DAVID, b. in Rowley, Nov. 22, 1734; d. aged 2 years.

15. JONATHAN, b. in Rowley, Nov. 15, 1737; m. Elizabeth Nelson, July 22, 1760; removed to Lunenberg, Mass., 1767, and d. there in 1806. He left a son David.

16. DAVID, b. in Rowley, March 2, 1738–'9.

17. RUTH, b. in Rowley, June 15, 1740; d. 1746.

18. SAMUEL, b. in Rowley, April 12, 1742; d. 1747.

19. WILLIAM, b. in Rowley, March 9, 1743–'4; removed to Lunenburg, Mass., in 1767; and d. at the residence of his son William in Fitchburg, in the same State, Aug. 14, 1832, aged 88. His wife was Mercy Smith, of Ipswich, by whom he had William, Jeremiah, Elmous, Mercy, Betsey, Ruth and Eunice.

20. LYDIA, b. in Rowley, May 22, 1746; joined the "Shakers" at Shirley, Mass.

21. RUTH, b. in Rowley, Feb. 24, 1747–'8; m. Thomas Houghton, and had one child. After the death of her husband, she joined the "Shakers."

22. SAMUEL, b. in Rowley, Nov. 10, 1749; removed to Lunenburg, Mass., 1767; m. Sarah Cook, and had two sons and three daughters, viz., Daniel, Samuel, Lydia, Sarah and Maria. About the year 1785, Mr. Kilbourn joined the "Shakers" at Shirley, with his family, (except his two sons,) where he lived and died. His son *Daniel*, m. Miss McIntosh,

* "*General Court of Massachusetts, April*, 1776.—*Resolved*, That there be paid out of the publick treasury to *George Kilbourn*, the sum of £7 3 6, for nursing and boarding two soldiers wounded in the battle of Bunker Hill."—*Am. Archives.*

and had three sons—Daniel, Hiram and Sumner* and several daughters. *Samuel*, settled in Fitzwilliam, N. H., and d. there in 1829, leaving two sons—Harvey and Milton.

12. JEDEDIAH.

23. JEDEDIAH, b. in Rowley; m. Hannah Platts, of that town, Nov. 4, 1749; removed to Boscawen, N. H., and thence to Henniker, where he d. in 1820. He had eight children, viz., Nathan, Eliphalet, Lucy, Mercy, Hannah, Jedediah, Nathaniel and Susan.

24. SAMPSON, b. in Rowley; m. Rebecca Pickard, April 15, 1749, settled in his native town, and had four children, viz., Paul, John, Rebecca and Huldah. Mr. Sampson Kilborn d. May 28, 1761, aged 33 years.

25. ABIGAIL, b. in Rowley; m. Jonathan Smith, Esq., of Danvers, Mass. Her son, the late Hon. *Jedediah Kilburn Smith*, was long a Senator and Councillor; and from 1807 to 1809, was a Member of the U. S. Congress from New Hampshire.

26. HANNAH, d. in Rowley, Dec. 14, 1737, aged two and a half years.

* Of these three sons of Daniel Kilborn, Deac. Jeremiah Kilbourn, of Groton, thus writes—"Daniel died in August, 1834, having been three weeks married; Hiram and Sumner, each with a young wife, both died from home on the same day, and their bodies were brought to the house of their father, in Lunenburg, where the funerals were attended at the same time. I think it was in 1842."

# GENERATION VI.

5. JOSEPH.

DANIEL, b. in Rowley, Oct. 1742; m. Elizabeth Goodhue, of Ipswich, Mass., in Sept. 1765; had a daughter, Sarah, b. Sept. 1, 1767. He was drowned at Cow Bridge Creek, Aug. 10, 1770, aged 28 years.*

2. JOSEPH, b. in Rowley, Aug. 31, 1745; m. Ruth Smith, May 25, 1769, and had four children born in Rowley, viz., Joseph, Elizabeth, Daniel and Moses. Mr. Joseph Kilborn d. July 13, 1813, aged 68; his wife d. March 26, 1812.

3. LYDIA, b. in Rowley, Oct. 29, 1748; m. Thomas Green, of Ipswich, in 1769.

4. MARY, b. in Rowley, July 21, 1751; m. Jonathan Pickard, in Feb. 1776.

5. THOMAS, b. in Rowley, Sept. 3, 1753; m. Anna Plummer, of Newbury, Sept. 10, 1780. His children are—Abigail, Thomas, Ruth and John, (perhaps others).

6. EBENEZER.

6. ABIGAIL, b. in Rowley, Oct. 12, 1750; m. John Sawyer, in 1774.

7. ANNE, b. in Rowley, Feb. 1, 1753; d. Nov. 23, 1808, aged 55 years.

8. IVORY, b. in Rowley, April 1, 1755; m. Hannah Pickard, Aug. 22, 1780.

* Gage's History of Rowley, p. 434.

9. DORCAS, b. in Rowley, May 16, 1757.

10. ELIZABETH, (twin with Dorcas;) d. Feb. 6, 1821, aged 64.

11. MOLLY, b. in Rowley.

12. CAPT. GEORGE.

12. THOMAS, m. Deborah Lunt, and had three children, viz., Samuel, Thomas and Richard.

13. SAMUEL, d. at sea.

14. MARY, m. Capt. Francis Salter, and had two children—Mary and Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Salter both d. in 1807.

15. GEORGE WHITFIELD, d. aged 3 years.

16. GEORGE WASHINGTON, d. young.

17. ROBERT, b. Feb. 7, 1773; m. Abigail Quimby in 1798, and had four children, viz., (1.) Samuel, b. 1799; unmarried. (2.) Eliza Ann, b. 1801; m. Joseph Russell, and had seven children. (3.) Frances, d. at sea. (4.) George, d. aged 18 years. Mr. Robert Kilborn d. in 1826.

18. JOHN, b. Aug. 29, 1778; d. May, 1851, at Calais, Maine; unmarried.

19. ELIZABETH, b. 1782; d. in 1800; unmarried.

20. SUSAN, b. May 1783; m. Guy R. Haynes, Esq., of East Boston, Feb. 9, 1813, and had one son, George Albert, b. 1813; d. 1830. Mrs. Susan Haynes d. Feb. 16, 1855.

21. CAPT. GEORGE, b. May 13, 1787; m. Rebecca Coleman, Jan. 9, 1818, and had six children, viz., George, Warren, Georgiana, John A., Sarah Ann and John. The two last d. young. Capt. Kilborn is commander of a ship sailing from Newburyport, Mass.

22. PHEBE ANN, b. 1793; unmarried.

15. JONATHAN.

23. DAVID, b. in Rowley, March 27, 1766; m. Lucy Pingree, of Rowley, in 1792; and settled in Lunenburg,

Mass. Mrs. Lucy Kilbourn d. in Lunenburg, Dec. 29, 1831. The children of David and Lucy Kilbourn are—Betsey, Solon, Jonathan, Cyrus, Asa, Milton, Nathan and Lucy.

19. WILLIAM.

24. WILLIAM, b. in Lunenburg, Mass., July 16, 1773; m. Mary Mace, Jan. 12, 1796; removed to Fitchburg, Mass., in 1802, and thence to Groton in 1840. They have six children, viz., Jeremiah, Mary, William, Elbridge Gerry, Martha and Sarah.

25. JEREMIAH, d. young.

26. ELMOUS, d. young.

27. MERCY, m. Ezra Cowdry, of Lunenburg, and had twelve children.

28. BETSEY, m. William Taintor, of Leominster, Mass., and had nine children. She d. in 1819.

29. RUTH, m. Josiah Burrage, of Leominster, and has thirteen children, the eldest of whom, John Burrage, Esq., graduated at Brown University, and d. in Charlestown, Mass., in June, 1843, aged 43 years.

23. JEDEDIAH.

30. NATHAN, b. in 1750; m. Sarah Plummer of Newbury, June 12, 1777; and settled in Boscawen, N. H., and d. in 1794. He had four children, viz., John, James, Nathan and Sarah.

31. DEA. ELIPHALET, b. in Rowley, in 1752; m. Mary Thurlow, of West Newbury, Mass., Dec. 23, 1779, and had twelve children, viz., George T., Enoch, Eliphalet, Moody, Eunice, Hannah, Mary, Susan, Betsey, Sally, Clarissa and Phebe. He was a soldier of the Revolution, first in Col. Little's regiment, and afterwards under Col. Johnson and Col. Wade; was at the battle of Bunker Hill, at the capture of Burgoyne, and at the battle of Long Island. Mr. Kilborn removed to Boscawen, N. H., on the "dark

day," in 1780, and settled on a tract of wild land, where he continued to reside until his death, which took place in December, 1844, at the age of 92 years. He was long a deacon of the Congregational Church in Boscawen.

32. LUCY, b. in 1754; m. William Southwick, and settled in Danvers, Mass. Her children are—Lucy, William, Hannah, Kilburn and Chapman.

33. MERCY, b. 1756; m. Daniel Abbott; settled in Concord, N. H.; had five children, viz., Sally, Lois, Hannah, Susan and Nathan.

34. HANNAH, b. in 1758; m. Maj. Enoch Gerrish, and had two children. (1.) Mary, m. Ephraim Wood, of Lebanon, N. H., and (2.) Hannah, m. Isaac Pearson, of Boscawen, N. H.

35. SUSAN, d. young.

36. JEDEDIAH, b. in 1762; settled in Newburyport, Mass., where he follows the fishing business. He was three times married, viz., to Elizabeth Glazier, Dec. 12, 1793; to Sally Coffin Downes, in 1804; and to Mary K. Pettengill, Dec. 12, 1814. By his first wife he had Nathan and Elizabeth; by his second wife he had John C., Jedediah and William Knapp; by his third wife he had Joseph and Benjamin C.

37. NATHANIEL, b. in 1764; settled first in Boscawen, N. H., and afterwards in Thetford, Vermont. He had nine children, viz., Benjamin, Nathaniel, Jedediah, Hannah, Judith, Sally, Louisa, Polly and Lucy. Mr. Nathaniel Kilborn d. in 1839.

24. SAMPSON.

38. PAUL, b. in Rowley, April 29, 1750; m. Mehitable Nelson, Feb. 7, 1773; and d. in his native town, Sept. 10, 1782.

39. HULDAH, b. in Rowley, Sept. 1, 1753.

40. CAPT. JOHN, b. in Rowley, June 28, 1756; entered

the continental army in 1776, and remained in the service for six years. He participated in the "storming of Stony Point," and in several other important actions of the Revolution.* He m. Mary Howe of Ipswich, in Jan. 1780; settled in Northwood, N. H.; remained there a few years, and then removed to Bridgton, Maine, where he d. Sept. 8, 1842, in the 88th year of his age. He had nine children, several of whom d. young.

41. REBECCA, b. in Rowley, Jan. 16, 1760; d. young.

* In the "*American Archives*," (Vol. II, 5th Series p. 612,) is an account of a Court Martial for the trial of Captains Wisner and Scott, held at Harlem Heights, N. Y., "by order of His Excellency, George Washington, General and Commander in Chief," &c. The charge against them was, "cowardice and misbehavior before the enemy, and speaking words inducing others to misbehave."

"*John Kilborn*, Corporal, confirms the substance of Adjutant Marsdin's testimony, and says the prisoners' conduct was very discouraging; that Captains Marsdin and Eldridge did everything in their power to encourage the men, but the confusion was so great they did not succeed."

The misbehavior of these officers took place in the autumn of 1776, at the time of the unsuccessful attack upon Montressor's Island, on which occasion "the brave Major Henly" was killed.—[See Letters from John Adams to Mrs. Adams, in *American Archives*.

# GENERATION VII.

2. JOSEPH.

JOSEPH, b. in Rowley, July 27, 1770; m. Hannah Stickney, Aug. 1, 1811.

2. ELIZABETH, b. in Rowley, Oct. 20, 1772.

3. DANIEL, b. in Rowley, Sept. 28, 1775.

4. MOSES, b. in Rowley, Dec. 26, 1777.

5. THOMAS.

5. ABIGAIL, b. in Rowley, Mass., Sept. 7, 1783; m. David Carver, of Boscawen, N. H., and had Freeman C., Mary Ann and Ruth.

6. RUTH, b. in Newbury, Dec. 18, 1790; m. William Warren, of Waterford, Maine.

7. THOMAS, b. in Newbury, Dec. 14, 1792; m. Lydia Warren, of Waterford, Maine, and had eight sons and three daughters; he was drowned while on a fishing voyage, in June, 1826.

8. JOHN, b. in Newbury, Nov. 12, 1794; m. Mary Butler of Essex, Mass., and settled in Boscawen, N. H. His children are—William W., Thomas, Daniel and John.

12. THOMAS.

9. SAMUEL, m. Hannah Goodwin, and had two children, Samuel and Hannah.

10. THOMAS, m. Hannah Tenney, and had two children, Thomas and one other.

11. RICHARD, d. young.

21. CAPT. GEORGE.

12. GEORGE, b. Jan. 2, 1821; he is a ship-owner and merchant in Boston, of the firm of "Benner & Kilborn."

13. WARREN, b. Nov. 7, 1822; m. Rachel C. Sergeant, June, 1844. They have three children, viz., Mary Ellen, Florence Edna, and George Albert.

14. GEORGIANA, b. May 13, 1833.

15. JOHN A., b. April 20, 1837.

16. SARAH ANN, John and Benjamin F., d. young.

23. DAVID.

17. BETSEY, b. at Lunenburg, Mass., May 29, 1794; lives in Fitchburg, Mass.

18. SOLON, b. in Lunenburg, Oct. 11, 1795; d. July 10, 1816, while a member of the Junior Class of Harvard College.

19. JONATHAN, b. in Lunenburg, March 13, 1797; m. Sarah Longley, of Shirley, Mass., where they now reside.

20. CYRUS, b. in Lunenburg, Oct. 18, 1800; m. Abigail Billings, of that town, where they still reside. Mr. Kilborn has been a Justice of the Peace.

21. ASA, b. in Lunenburg, March 27, 1802; m. Sarah Burrage, and lives in his native town.

22. MILTON, b. in Lunenburg, March 10, 1804; m. Lucy Fife, of Chichester, N. H.; resides in his native town.

23. NATHAN, b. in Lunenburg, Sept. 12, 1806; m. Lucy Snow, of that town; resides in Townsend, Mass.

24. LUCY, b. Nov. 14, 1808.

24. WILLIAM.

25. DEAC. JEREMIAH, b. in Lunenburg Jan. 24, 1797; m. Patty Flint, of Concord, Mass., in 1818; resides in Groton, Mass., where he is a Deacon of the Congregational Church. He has had eight children, viz., (1.) Martha Augusta, b. 1818; d. Aug. 17, 1841; (2.) Jeremiah Flint, b. 1820; d. in Fitchburg, while on a visit, in 1826; (3.) Mary E., b. 1822. (4.) Josiah Burrage, b. in Groton, March 15, 1824; was m. to Mary E., daughter of Dr. Amos Farnsworth, of Boston, (by Rev. Dr. Vinton,) Dec. 9, 1851. He was a member of the firm of French, Wells & Co., crockery dealers, Milk street, Boston, and a Director of the Grocers' Bank in that city. (5.) Ann Maria, b. 1826; (6.) Frances Jane, b. 1829; (7.) William Arthur, b. 1838; (8.) George Wells, b. 1844.

26. MARY, b. in Lunenburg, April 8, 1800; m. Stephen Stickney, of Lunenburg, in 1830.

27. WILLIAM, *M. D.*, b. in Lunenburg, June 12, 1802; graduated at the Medical College in Woodstock, Vt., and settled in Wilton, Maine, in the practice of his profession. He m. Eliza Barrett, of Townsend, Mass., and after her decease, he m. Charlotte Bates, of Wilton, Me. He has been a Justice of the Peace.

28. ELBRIDGE GERRY, Esq., b. in Fitchburg, Feb. 25, 1808; received his education at Brown University, R. I., but left that institution during the Senior year, on account of ill health. He soon after commenced the study of law in Baltimore, first with Edward Hinkley, Esq., and afterwards with J. J. Speed, Esq., and on motion of the latter gentleman, was admitted to the Baltimore Bar. He practiced for a short time in Louisville, Ky., but returned to Baltimore, where he has an extensive business as an Attorney and Counsellor. On the 6th of Nov. 1849, he was married to Elizabeth A., only daughter of Henry and Elizabeth A. Hall; he has no children.

29. MARTHA, b. in Fitchburg, March 18, 1810; m. Avery Stockwell, of that town, in 1830.

30. SARAH, b. in Fitchburg, June 26, 1819; m. Asa S. Kendall, in June, 1842, and resides in Groton, Mass.

30. NATHAN.

31. JOHN, m. and settled in Boscawen. He had two daughters.

32. DEAC. JAMES, b. in Boscawen, N. H., where he was a Deacon of the 2d Congregational Church; m. Elizabeth Thurston, of Newbury, Mass., Nov. 26, 1807, and has children—Nathan, Elizabeth, Edna and Eunice. He resides in New Andover, N. H.

33. NATHAN, b. in Boscawen, N. H.; probably d. young.

34. SARAH, d. young.

31. DEAC. ELIPHALET.

35. EUNICE, b. in Boscawen, N. H., April 11, 1781; m. S. Fowler, and had seven children.

36. GEORGE T., b. in Boscawen, N. H., in 1784; m. Abigail Allen, and had six children, viz., Samuel N., Elliott W., Enoch G., Francis W., John A. and Harriet. He resides in his native town. His second wife was Mary Morse.

37. ENOCH, b. in Boscawen, in 1786; m. Betsey Morse, and had Mary P., Judith, Gilbert G., Enoch G. and Benjamin Franklin. His second wife was Elizabeth Cogswell, of Derry, N. H., by whom he had four children—Henry W., Joseph, Elizabeth and John C. He resides in Andover, N. H.

38. HANNAH, (twin with Enoch,) m. Thomas Coffin, of Boscawen, and had—Frederick W., Enoch, Charles C., Aphia, Mary, Alvira and Livinia. She d. in 1835; he d. in 1853.

39. MARY, b. in Boscawen in 1787; m. Benjamin F. Kimball, of that town, and had Abiah, Roxana, Caroline, David F., Peter and Austin G. She d. in 1826; he d. in 1852.

40. SUSAN, b. in Boscawen in 1789; m. Capt. George T. Pillsbury, and had two children—Emily and Catharine. Capt. Pillsbury d. at Concord, N. H., in 1836; and the widow m. John Sawyer, Esq., of Warren, N. H.

41. BETSEY, b. in Boscawen in 1792; m. Jos. J. Stone, of Salisbury, N. H., and had nine children, George, (a graduate of Williams College,) Joseph, Eliphalet K., James, Horace, Charles, Mary K., Phebe and Sarah.

42. SALLY, b. in Boscawen in 1798; m. Benjamin F. Kimball, (2d wife).

43. CLARISSA, b. in Boscawen in 1800; unmarried.

44. PHEBE, b. in Boscawen in 1801; m. Simeon B. Little, Esq., of that town, a Representative and Justice of the Peace.

45. ELIPHALET, Jr., b. in Boscawen in 1804; m. Mehitable Foster, of Canterbury, N. H., and has five children, viz., Galen F., Sarah J., Ann E., Lucien M. and Charles H. Mr. Kilborn was a Selectman of Boscawen in 1845 and 1848.

46. MOODY A., b. in Boscawen in 1807; m. Laurana Bliss, of Lebanon, N. H., and has one son, George B. He resides in his native town.

36. JEDEDIAH.

47. NATHAN, b. in Newbury, Mass., Oct. 6, 1799; m. Susan Cilley, Jan. 9, 1837.

48. ELIZABETH, b. in Newbury, Aug. 20, 1803.

49. JOHN COOMBS, b. in Newbury, Aug. 28, 1804; m. Hannah Ross, Sept. 25, 1825.

50. JEDEDIAH, b. in Newbury, Aug. 15, 1807; d. young.

51. HON. WILLIAM K., b. in Newbury, Sept. 13, 1809; m. and lived for several years in his native town, from which port he sailed as Captain of the brig "Henry." He was an

early settler in Oregon Territory, and was a merchant at Oregon City of the house of "Lawton, Kilborn & Co." He was Territorial Treasurer for two years, and was the first Mayor of Oregon City.

"FOR OREGON!

"The brig Henry, Captain KILBORN, sailed from Newburyport for Oregon, on the 23d ult., having on board the following passengers—Captain Kilborn's lady and three children; Capt. Swansey; Dr. G. W. Watson, lady and one child; Miss Hannah Peabody—all of Newburyport; Col. Wm. Lee, of Troy, N. Y.; Charles K. Bishop, of Sandy Hill, N. Y.; George C. Lawton, of Waltham, Mass.; O. R. and J. N. Wood, of Roxboro', Mass.; James Patterson and John McKeen, of Charlestown, Mass.

The Newburyport Herald states that some three or four hundred spectators gathered at the wharf to witness the brig's departure, and there were many moist eyes among those who took leave of their friends. A prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Campbell, and an address was made by the Rev. Dr. Dana. The vessel went down the river in good style, before a fine breeze. The people on the wharf gave them a parting salute of three cheers, which were responded to from the vessel."—*Boston Atlas*, May, 1846.

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[FROM THE BOSTON TRANSCRIPT—OCT. 9, 1847.]

"THE OREGON EXPEDITION.

"The brig Henry, Captain KILBORN, which left Newburyport on the 23d of February, 1846, for Oregon, arrived at its destination, Oregon City, in March last, safely, and all on board well. The brig had 231 days passage to the Sandwich Islands, where she lay three months to refit. Several of her passengers remained there. From the Islands, 17 days sailing brought her to Columbia bar. Here she met with a gale which lasted eight days, and by which she was driven to Vancouver's Island; she then put into Near Bay, where she lay one week, and from thence proceeded 60 miles to Fort Victoria, one of the stations of the Hudson's Bay Co., for provisions. Remaining there a few days, the brig recommenced her voyage, and entered the mouth of Columbia River early in March. Our correspondent states that Oregon City contains two churches, two hotels, two flour and two saw mills, and a printing office."

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The following characteristic letter from Capt. Kilborn is worthy of preservation not only on account of the general information contained in it, but especially for its facts relating to his personal history:

"OREGON CITY, Dec. 31, 1851.

"P. K. KILBOURNE, Esq.—Dear Sir: A short time since I was much amused at receiving a letter from you, asking for a history of myself! Well, to commence—

Forty years ago, I was ushered into this world of wo and sin, in Newbury, on the banks of the Merrimack, Massachusetts. My father was a poor fisherman, and I had early to shift for myself. I went to sea in 1828, and in due time rose to the rank of Captain. In 1839, I first came to Oregon; returned to the States in '41; back again to Oregon in '42; to the States in '43, and back again with my wife and little ones in '46. I was one of the pioneers of this western world, and have seen cities and towns spring up as if by magic. I have held the offices of Territorial Treasurer and County Treasurer for some years, and am now Mayor of Oregon City. In politics I am whig to the death—and take it for granted you are so. If your paper is whig, please consider me a subscriber, and send it along.

I should like to see some of the Kilborns out here. I have never met but one of the name in this country, viz, Ralph Kilborn, from Vermont.

I have made money quite fast, but of late have met with some reverses. I have lost a fine ship and cargo, and a brig and cargo, and the freshet took my house and two stores of goods,—but still I am alive and kicking. I sometimes think I should like to see blessed New England again, but do not know as I shall. I am well contented here. This is as beautiful and good a country as a man could wish—and a fine climate. We are plowing all winter. To-night there is a slight frost; but one can work with his jacket off from fall till spring. Tell your young folks to come to Oregon. Farmers, mechanics and laborers, are wanted. When they get tired of work, they can just go to the diggings and get a bushel of gold, and then lie by and take it easy!

If you have got a Mrs. Kilborn, my Mrs. K. sends her respects to your Mrs. K., and would like to see her and you, as she is quite partial to the name.

I close by wishing you a Happy New Year. Yours, truly,

WM. KNAPP KILBORN.

"P. S.—Stranger! don't forget that paper."

52. JOSEPH Y., b. in Newbury, Feb. 12, 1820.

53. BENJAMIN C., b. in Newbury, Sept. 14, 1823.

### 37. NATHANIEL.

54. BENJAMIN, m. and resided in Vermont for a few years, and then removed to Ohio, where he d. leaving four children, viz., George Perry, Nathaniel, Roxa and Priscilla. The second son, was residing at Bellview, Iowa, when last heard from.

[Of the other eight children of Nathaniel Kilborn, Sen., I have no information, except a simple list of their *names*, which I have already given.]

40. CAPT. JOHN.

55. REBECCA, b. Feb. 25, 1781; m. Stephen Ingalls, of Harrison, Me., July 21, 1801, and had six children, viz., Mary K., Ezra T., Ruth A., Huldah, C., Abigail and Elizabeth W.

56. COL. JOHN, b. Nov. 16, 1782; m. Mary Barker, of Andover, Mass., Feb. 22, 1808, and had ten children, viz., Hannibal N., Mary, John, Charlotte, Catharine, Mary C., Hannah B., Jacob B., Robert, and Charles O. Col. Kilborn is a resident of Bridgton, Maine.

57. MARY, d. young.

58. ENOS N., b. Jan. 1, 1785; was a sea-faring man, and has not been heard from by his brothers since 1808; supposed to be dead.

59. CAPT. WILLIAM, b. Jan. 16, 1787; m. Betsey Senter, Feb. 10, 1808, and had thirteen children, viz., Enos Leander Walton, Thomas Dresser, Jacob Van Renselaer, Jesse Gibbs, William Tombs, Samuel Farnsworth, Helen D., Eliza A., and five others who d. young. Capt. Kilborn resides in Bridgton, Maine.

60. JACOB B., b. April 5, 1789; d. July 2, 1820.

61. LIEUT. EBENEZER, b. Dec. 20, 1791; m. Lydia G. Ingalls, in 1818, and had six children, viz., Elias A., Tappan C., Adeline E., Harriet G., Augusta F. and Samuel A. Residence, Bridgton, Maine.

62. HULDAH, b. in 1794; m. Alfred Ingalls, Jan. 7, 1818, and had five children, viz., Huldah, Nathan, Amanda, John K. and Abby.

63. PAUL, b. April 5, 1797; d. Sept. 23, 1798.

## DEAC. JOSEPH KILBURN.*

JOSEPH KILBURN was b. in Rowley, Mass., in 1727; removed to Lancaster, (now Sterling) Mass., where he was chosen deacon of the church in 1767. He d. in 1789, aged 62. His children were—

## GENERATION II.

1. COL. TIMOTHY, b. in 1754; m. Relief Richardson, and d. in Sterling, 1838. He had two sons, James and Samuel.

2. REV. JOSEPH, *A. M.*, b. in Sterling, Nov. 23, 1755; graduated at Harvard College in 1777; and was ordained pastor of the Congregational Church in Wendall, Mass., Oct. 8, 1783. He d. in Wendall, Feb. 27, 1816. At the ordination of the Rev. Samuel Willard, at Deerfield, Mass., Sept. 23, 1807, the "Right hand of Fellowship" was given by Mr. Kilburn, which was published, and is preserved in the Library of Harvard College.†

### OBITUARY.

[FROM THE BOSTON CHRISTIAN DISCIPLE—1816, p. 132.]

"DIED—At Wendall, Mass., Feb. 27, the Reverend and amiable JOSEPH KILBURN, in the 61st year of his age and 33d year of his ministry—a gentleman highly esteemed through life, and greatly lamented in death. On every occasion he was solicitous to maintain the honor of the Christian character, and was sound in the faith of the Gospel; and while he held to the free and sovereign grace of God in our salvation, he was zealous of good works. In his private life, the gentleman and the

* From Deacon Joseph Kilburn, onward, the records given are but *fragments*, disconnected with the original stock.

† Mr. S. S. Kilburn, Jr., artist, of Boston, writes—"The Rev. Joseph Kilburn spent several years in preparing a genealogical history of the Kilburns, but died before it was completed. Where the manuscript is, I do not know, but am endeavoring to find it. If successful, I will forward it to you; as it might perhaps corroborate much that is now doubtful to you."

It is much to be regretted that the manuscript referred to has not yet been found. It would probably contain a mass of facts, names and dates which are otherwise irrecoverably lost.

Christian appeared to great advantage. He was in his constitution active, and from principle disposed to do good. He was of an affable, condescending and obliging disposition; kind, gentle and friendly to all. By the death of this venerable servant of Christ, religion and humanity have sustained a heavy loss."

A son of the Rev. J. Kilburn, (Joseph King Kilburn,) is a resident of Augusta, Georgia.

3. JOSHUA, b. in Sterling ; m. Phebe Brooks, and had seven children, viz., Sawyer, Timothy, Polly, Nancy, Samuel Sawyer, George H. and Timothy (2d). Mr. Joshua Kilburn d. about the year 1834.

4. LEVI, b. in Sterling ; m. and settled in West Boylston, Mass., where he was recently living. He has a son bearing the same name, and perhaps other children.

## GENERATION III.

### 1. COL. TIMOTHY.

1. CAPT. JAMES, b. in Sterling, Mass., in 1780; m. Anna Beaman,* of that town, in 1812, and had four children, viz., (1.) Rebecca B. (2.) James.† (3.) Samuel, (d. in 1832, aged 11 years,) and Sarah A. Capt. Kilburn d. in Sterling in 1828.

2. SAMUEL, d. without issue.

### 3. JOSHUA.

3. SAWYER, d. young.

4. TIMOTHY, d. young.

5. POLLY, m. Samuel Kendall, and d. without issue.

* A descendant of Gamaliel Beaman, who settled in Lancaster, (now Stirling,) as early as 1659, and d. in 1707.

† James Kilburn, Esq., is now the only male descendant of Col. Timothy Kilburn who bears our family name. He is a man of much enterprise and public spirit.

6. NANCY, m. Stephen Fairbanks, and had several children, of whom Polly, Nina, Franklin and George are still living.

7. SAMUEL SAWYER, m. Sarah Stanwood Smith, and has two children, viz., Sarah S., b. in Boston, Dec. 12, 1826; m. J. W. Silver. (2.) Samuel S., Jr., b. in Boston, Jan. 22, 1831; m. Pamela P. Pike, of Boston, where he resides. He is a celebrated artist. Mr. S. S. Kilburn, Sen., resides in West Newton, near Boston; he is a type founder.

8. GEORGE H., m. Adeline Damon; after her decease, he m. her sister Mary. His children are—Mary F., (aged about 22 years,) Nancy Kendall, George C., Adeline, (dead,) Joshua, Thomas and Joseph. Mr. Kilburn is a type founder in Boston, of the firm of "George H. Kilburn & Co."

9. TIMOTHY, (2d,) d. a few years since in Williamsburg, L. I., leaving a son and daughter.

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## ISAAC KILBURN,

(Brother of Deac. Joseph,) m. Hannah Ordway, and settled in Lancaster, (now Sterling.) His sons were—Aaron, Jacob, John, Calvin, Isaac and William. Mr. Isaac Kilburn and one of his sons were soldiers in the northern army during the French war, and d. at Crown Point about the year 1763.

CALVIN KILBURN, above named, (b. in Oct. 1757,) is now living in Princeton, Mass., in the 99th year of his age; he m. Mary Stratton in 1783, and has had six children, viz., Sally, Isaac, William, Sally, (2d,) Eli and Mary. At the age of 91, Mr. Kilburn was m. (second time,) to Mrs. Sanderson, aged 70.

WILLIAM KILBURN, (youngest son of Isaac and Hannah Kilburn,) was b. in Sterling, Sept. 8, 1762; was a soldier of the Revolution, and after the war resided in Middle-

bury and Salisbury, Vt., until 1821, when he settled in Burlington, Vt., where he d. Nov. 28, 1841. His first wife was Mary Bartholomew; his second was Ann Woodruff. He had no children.

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## SAMUEL KILBURN,

Was b. in Stirling, Mass.; m. Sarah Houghton, of that town, where he resided until the day of his death, which was in Sept. 1785, about three weeks after the birth of his first and only child, Sarah.

SARAH KILBURN, b. in Sterling, Aug. 22, 1785; she was m. Aug. 16, 1807, to Hovey Clarke, and lived in Sterling until some four years after her husband's death, which occurred Feb. 20, 1812. In 1816, she removed to Utica, N. Y., with her children, where she d. Sept. 12, 1827. Her children were—

1. Samuel Kilburn Clarke, b. in Sterling, Oct. 31, 1808; d. Feb. 20, 1809.

2. Hannah Cheever Clarke, b. in Sterling, Dec. 31, 1809; is unmarried, and resides with her brother in Michigan.

3. Hon. Hovey Kilburn Clarke, b. in Sterling, July 11, 1812; m. (June 27, 1837,) Elizabeth M. Taylor, daughter of the Rev. James Taylor, (pastor of the Congregational church in Sunderland, Mass.;) she d. March 16, 1840, leaving an only child, Elizabeth M. I. Clarke, who d. Aug. 31, 1847. Mr. Clarke fitted himself for the bar, and in 1836 removed to Allegan county, Michigan, and was Prosecuting Attorney for that County from 1842 to 1844. He also held the offices of Notary Public, Commissioner of Deeds and Master in Chancery. In 1844, he removed to Marshall, Calhoun county, in the same state; in 1850, he was chosen one of the three Representatives in the Legislature from that County; and during the following year, he was elected Pros-

ecuting Attorney for Calhoun County. He was also recently the regularly nominated candidate of his party for the office of Attorney General of the State.

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## JACOB KILBURN,

Born in Sterling, Mass.; m. Mary Fletcher, of Lancaster, Mass., (2d wife,) and had by her four sons, viz., John, George, (of Alstead, N. H.) Thaddeus, (d. in 1839,) and Alpheus. Mr. Kilburn was a soldier in the Revolution, and was twice wounded.

Dr. ALPHEUS KILBOURN, (youngest son of Jacob,) was b. in Alstead, N. H., in 1801; m. Philena Farnsworth, and had three children, viz., Edwin F., Oscar and Hallet. Mrs. Philena Kilbourn d. in Rochester, N. Y., in 1838. Dr. Kilbourn, soon after the death of his wife, removed from Rochester to Akron, Ohio, where he still resides.

1. Edwin F. Kilbourn, (eldest son of Dr. Alpheus Kilbourn), was b. in Rochester, N. Y., in 1828; resided for some years in Milwaukee, Wis., but left for Australia in 1853.

2. Oscar Kilbourn, b. in Rochester, N. Y., in 1829; went to California in 1852, and is now a resident of San Francisco, in that State.

3. Hallet Kilbourn, b. in Rochester, N. Y., in 1831; went to California in 1850; was a wholesale grocer in Sacramento City, but returned to the East in 1853, and is now a Real Estate Broker and General Land Agent, corner of Main and Second streets, Davenport, Iowa. He m. Kate R. Kerkendall, of Akron, Ohio, Dec. 25, 1854.

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## SAMUEL KILBURN,

Born in Sterling, Feb. 21, 1783; m. Mary Beaman, and had ten children, viz.:—

1. Mary A. Kilburn, b. in Sterling, June 27, 1807; m. Eli Houghton, March 26, 1832, and had three children, viz., Sarah L., Mary E. and Henry Eli.

2. Uri Kilburn, b. in Sterling, April 27, 1809; m. Martha N. Hewson, Sept. 2, 1835, and has two sons, William Uri, b. July 8, 1840; John, b. March 13, 1846. Mr. Kilburn is a Commission merchant in Guilford st., Baltimore, Maryland.

3. Elmira Kilburn, b. in Sterling, Nov. 2, 1812; m. Curtis M. Allen, May 12, 1835, and has two children, Ellen and George A.

4. Uranda Kilburn, b. in Sterling, Oct. 21, 1814; unmarried.

5. Fernando Kilburn, b. in Sterling, Dec. 8, 1816; m. Jane Baxter, April 5, 1843.

6. Dexter Kilburn, b. in Sterling, Jan. 9, 1819; m. Mary Beaman, Nov. 1845, and has three children.

7. Susan D. Kilburn, b. in Sterling, June 22, 1823; m. Joseph B. Read, Nov. 28, 1842, and has three children.

8. Emily Kilburn, b. in Sterling, Feb. 20, 1826.

9. Anda Kilburn, b. in Sterling, May 1, 1829.

10. George G. Kilburn, b. in Sterling, June 10, 1843.

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## THOMAS KILBOURN,

"Held some office under the colonial government in Massachusetts;" he had three sons—Thomas, William and one other. William m., and d. soon after the birth of his only child, who was also named William.

The last named William Kilbourn was raised by his mother in Provincetown, Mass.; became a sea-captain; m. Nancy Treat, of Truro, in that State, and settled in Cohasset, Mass., where he still resides. He has nine children, viz.—

1. Capt. William Kilbourn, d. in Cohasset, in June, 1848, leaving three sons and two daughters. He was commander of a ship.

2. Nancy Kilbourn, unmarried, resides in Boston.

3. Mary Kilbourn, unmarried; resides in Boston.

4. Albert Kilbourn, unmarried; d. in Mobile, Alabama, in September, 1842.

5 and 6, d. in infancy.

7. Augustus Kilbourn is m. and resides in Boston.

8. *Diana T. Kilbourn*, went south in 1842, as a Teacher, and in 1844, in company with her friend and schoolmate, Miss Healy, (sister of the celebrated artist,) opened a Young Ladies Seminary in Baltimore, Md., where they continued in partnership for about ten years, and were very successful. Miss Kilbourn is now the sole principal of the Institution. She is the author of "*The Lone Dove*," a handsome volume, and a very interesting Indian legend, published by the Appletons, New York, in 1850. She has also been a successful writer for the magazines. The popular Tale, entitled "*The Revealings of a Heart*," published in Graham's Magazine for January and February, 1850, was from her pen.

9. Aquilla Kilbourn, d. in California, Dec. 14, 1850.

# APPENDIX.

## EXTRACTS FROM THE RECORDS OF NEWBURY, MASS.

[COMMUNICATED BY JOSHUA COFFIN, ESQ., HISTORIAN OF THAT TOWN.]

### MARRIAGES.

Eliphalet Kilborn to Mary Thurlow, Dec. 23, 1779.
Thomas Kilborn, of Rowley, to Anna Plumer, Oct. 17, 1780.
Thomas Kilborn to Deborah Lunt, 1797.
Jedediah Kilborn to Elizabeth Glazier, Dec. 12, 1793.
Jedediah Kilborn to Sally Coffin Downes, 1804.
Jedediah Kilborn to Mary K. Pettingill, Dec. 12, 1814.
James Kilborn to Elizabeth Thurston, Nov. 26, 1807.
Nathan Kilborn to Sarah Plummer, June 12, 1777.
Nathan Kilborn to Susan Cilley, Jan. 9, 1837.
Thomas Kilborn to Hannah Pike, 1819.
Samuel Kilborn to Hannah Davis, May 13, 1821.
Joseph Russell, Jr., to Eliza Ann Kilborn.
John C. Kilborn to Hannah Ross, Sept. 25, 1825.
Jeremiah Spiller to Elizabeth C. Kilborn, Dec. 19, 1825.
Benjamin Goodwin to Hannah D. Kilborn, 1829.
George S. Shute to Mary P. Kilborn, 1837.
Nicholas R. Brown to Hannah P. Kilborn, 1843.
Joseph Cheney to Sarah Jane Kilborn, Oct. 10, 1838.

### BIRTHS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Abigail, daughter of Thomas and Anna Kilborn, | | Sept. 7, 1783 |
| Ruth, | " " " " | Dec. 18, 1790 |
| Thomas, | son " " " | Dec. 14, 1792 |
| John | " " " " | Nov. 12, 1794 |
| Thomas, | son of Thomas and Deborah Kilborn, | May 4, 1799 |
| Richard, | " " " " | March 22, 1804 |
| Nathan, | " of Jedediah and Elizabeth " | Oct. 6, 1799 |
| Elizabeth, | daughter " " " | Aug. 20, 1803 |
| John Coombs, | son of Jedediah and Sarah " | Aug. 28, 1804 |
| Jedediah, | " " " " | Aug. 15, 1807 d. Nov. 12, 1809 |
| William Knapp, | son " " " | Sept. 13, 1809 |
| Samuel, | son of Thomas and Hannah " | July 23, 1820 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Joseph Young, | son of Jedediah and Mary Kilborn, | Feb. 12, 1820 |
| Benjamin C., | " " " " | Sept. 14, 1823 |
| Samuel | " son of Samuel and Hannah Kilburn, | May 22, 1821 |
| Hannah Davis, | " daut'r. of " " " | Sept. 10, 1823 |
| Elizabeth | " " Thomas and " " | Dec. 8, 1822 |
| Sarah Elizabeth | " " of John C. and " " | May 9, 1826 |

There is a Samuel Kilborn, a seaman, residing in Newburyport, whose grandfather's name was Robert.

## EXTRACTS FROM THE RECORDS OF ROWLEY, MASS.*

[COMMUNICATED BY M. S. PRIME, ESQ., TOWN CLERK.]

### DEATHS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Joseph Kilborn, | son of Joseph and Mary, died | Jan. 11, 1678–'9 |
| Elizabeth, | " (probably a daughter of Joseph and Mary—the record does not show,) died | Dec. 4, 1692 |
| Widow Elizabeth Kilborn, | died | Feb. 14, 1697–'8 |
| Maria | " daughter of Samuel, died | Sept. 24, 1710 |
| Isaac | " (deaf and dumb from his birth), d. | Dec. 19, 1713 |
| Widow ——— | " relict of Joseph, died | Feb. 9, 1715–'6 |
| Samuel, | " " | April 22, 1722 |
| Joseph, | " " | March 5, 1722–'3 |
| Wife of David, | " " | April 17, 1731 |
| Widow ——— | " " | Nov. 1, 1731 |
| David, | " son of David and Ruth, aged 3 months, died | Jan. 6, 1733–'4 |
| David, | " son of David and Ruth, aged two years, died | Dec. 5, 1736 |
| Jane | " daughter of George, died | May 25, 1736 |
| Hannah, | " daughter of Jedediah and " Susanna, aged 2¼ years, died | Dec. 14, 1737. |
| Hepsibah | " daughter of Samuel and Mary, aged 2½ years, died | Dec. 18, 1737 |
| Ann | " " | Sept. 30, 1741 |
| A child of Eben'r. | " " | July 17, 1744 |
| Ruth | " daughter of David, aged 7 yrs., died | 1746 |
| Samuel | " son of David, aged 4¾ yrs., died | Jan. 16, 1746–'7 |
| Richard | " son of Samuel, aged 4 years, d. | Jan. 25, 1749–'0 |
| Eliphalet | " " " " aged 10⅛ yrs, died | Feb. 11, 1749–'0 |
| Doct. Eliphalet | " " | June 4, 1752 |
| Sarah | " wife of Joseph, " | Sept. 9, 1753 |
| Mary | " " " Samuel, " | Aug. 30, 1756 |
| George | " (died suddenly,) | June 8, 1758 |
| Cornet Jedediah, | " aged 60 years, " | Feb. 4, 1759 |
| Martha | " daughter of George, " | Dec. 3, 1759 |

* The record of births and marriages, as kindly furnished me by Mr. Prime, I have already made use of elsewhere—together with some of the dates of deaths, &c., here given.

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|---|---|---|
| Sampson | Kilborn, aged 33 years, | died May 28, 1761 |
| Samuel | " aged 75 years, | " Aug. 14, 1761 |
| Widow Phebe | " | " Sept. 10, 1762 |
| Susanna | " relict of Jedediah, | " Sept. 27, 1764 |
| Daniel | " drowned, aged 28 years, | Aug. 10, 1770 |
| Rebecca | " a young girl, | " Feb. 25, 1774 |
| Widow ——— | " | " July 1776 |
| Paul | " | " Sept. 10, 1782 |
| Susanna, | " daughter of Jedediah, aged 20 years, | " Oct. 2, 1782 |
| Wife of Ebenezer | " aged 89 years, | " Dec. 24, 1804 |
| Wife of Isaac | " | " Dec. 3, 1806 |
| Anna | " dau. of Eben'r. (fever) aged 57 years, | " Nov. 23, 1808 |
| Ebenezer | " (old age,) aged 88 years, | " Nov. 24, 1808 |
| Wife of Joseph | " | " Feb. 3, 1811 |
| Daniel | " son of Joseph, | " March 26, 1812 |
| Joseph | " aged 68 years, | " July 13, 1813 |
| Mary | " | " Feb. 27, 1814 |
| Elizabeth | " daughter of Ebenezer, aged 64 years, | " Feb. 6, 1821 |
| Johannah | " relict of Thomas, dau. of Thos. Pike Jr., (con.) aged 26 years, | " July 2, 1826 |
| Thomas | " drowned while on a fishing voyage, | June —, 1826 |
| Widow Hannah | " (relict of Joseph; her maiden name was Stickney,) aged 90 years, | " Feb. 19, 1853 |

## PUBLISHMENTS IN ROWLEY.

" There are no publishments on Record previous to 1704. The following is a list of those who are published here, but whose marriages are not on Record—that is, with the exception of females bearing your name.

Josiah Dresser and Elizabeth Kilborn, Feb. 16, 1706.
Jacob Kilborn and Dorcas Harris, Sept. 8, 1716.
David " of Rowley and Elizabeth Fiske, of Ipswich, Jan. 25, 1724
Thomas Burfer and Mary Kilborn, Sept. 8, 1722.
E. Nelson and " " Aug. 3, 1723.
Jedediah Kilborn, of R., and Susanna Fiske, of Ipswich, Mch. 22, 1724
David " of " and Ruth Fiske, of Andover, Nov. 6, 1731.
Samuel " and Mary Lowell, Dec. 7, 1734.
Jeremiah Todd and Johannah Kilborn, Oct. 6, 1739.
Jonathan Jewett and Mehitable Kilborn, Nov. 28, 1741.
Samuel Story and Mary " Oct. 6, 1753.
Philemon Howe, of Ipswich, and Sarah Kilborn, of R., Oct. 13, 1753
John Adams and Elizabeth Kilborn, May 24, 1755.
William Bailey and Abigail " May 1, 1756.
Jonathan Smith, of Danvers, and Abigail Kilborn, of R., Feb. 1, 1760
Daniel Kilborn, of R., and Elizabeth Goodhue, (Ipswich,) Sept. 21, 1765

Thomas Green, of Ipswich, and Lydia Kilborn, of R., Jan. 5, 1769.
Moses Sawyer and Elizabeth Kilborn, April 27, 1771.
John Sawyer and Abigail " May 28, 1774.
David Kilborn, of Lunenburg, and Lucy Pingree, of R., Nov. 9, 1792
Jonathan Pickard and Mary Kilborn, Feb. 4, 1776.
John Kilborn and Mary Howe, Jan. 1, 1780.
Edward Saunders, Jr., and Sarah Kilborn, April 7, 1787.
Thomas Kilborn, of R., and Anne Plumer, of Newbury, Sept. 10, 1780.
E. Copeland and Martha Kilborn, Jan. 23, 1808.
Joseph Kilborn and Hannah Stickney, Aug. 1, 1811.

## GLEANINGS FROM GAGE'S HISTORY OF ROWLEY, MASS.

[COMMUNICATED BY GUY R. HAYNES, ESQ., OF EAST BOSTON.]

Mr. Jer'h. Shephard was the cause of much trouble in the Church. He commenced preaching among them 1672–3. The town in 1674, agreed to give him £50, per annum while he continued to preach among them. To these votes 33 persons dissented, one of whom was *George Kilborn.*

In 1643. "A register of all the house lotts in such streets as are formerly mentioned in the book."—*Bradford street*—"To *George Kilborn*, one lott containing an acree and a half, bounded on the south side by John Spofford's house lott, part of it lying on the west side, and part of it on the east side of the street." (The lots were all from one to two acres.)

*George Kilborn* was made freeman, May 13, 1640.

1667. Hog Island marshes were divided and laid out to fifty-eight persons, among whom was *Ivory Kilborn.**

In May, 1677, The General Court enacted a law, &c., "That the several towns do appoint a suitable number of persons to inspect the various families therein, and see that the Sabbath is well kept." Nov. 2, 1677, ten persons were appointed in Rowley, one of whom was *George Kilborn.*

In 1680, The town appointed nine tythingmen for the town, and two for the village. Each was to have the inspection of certain families. *Ivory Kilborn* had 13 families, among which were those of Deacon Smith and *Joseph Kilborn.*

Records show that in 1706, men were out from Rowley in the Indian wars. July 10, *Joseph Kilborn*, Sen., and Jeremiah Nelson were slain by the Indians in Dunstable.

Train band of men belonging to Capt. John Northend's company, May 16, 1737, first foot company of Rowley, *Ebenezer Kilborn*, corporal, *Joseph Kilborn*, private.

May 31, 1757, Capt. J. Pearson's Troop of Horse, *Jedediah Kilborn*, cornet, *Jedediah Kilborn*, private.

June 15, 1757, *Jonathan Kilborn*, in Capt. Thorston's company.

* This, I am confident, is a mistake. George Kilborn had no son by that name. May it not be *Isaac?* A similar error (if such it is,) is made on page 153, of the History referred to.—1680.

The town voted, To Jacob Jewett, for money advanced, viz., "To *John Kilborn*, now in the Continental army, £15 6*s.* 0*d.*," (and five others). Return of Capt. Thomas Mighill's company of infantry for the eight months' service, belonging to the thirty-eighth regiment, made Sept. 26, 1775, while stationed at Small's Point, in Brookline: total, 58, of whom 51 were of Rowley. *Nathan Kilborn*, was one of them.

In March, 1777, the town raised 58 men for the Continental army, to serve three years; bounty paid to each,—*Paul Kilborn*, £15; *John Kilborn*, £15. The return roll was made Oct. 20, 1779. In Dec. 1776, soldiers belonging to Rowley, were enlisted to serve three months from the 1st day of January, 1777, in the State of New York (under Capt. John Dodge, of Wenham,) *Thomas Kilborn* was one of the company. On the 27th of May, 1730, Petition to the General Court to be set off as a separate and distinct precinct or parish, signed by 42 persons, among whom was *Daniel Kilborn.*

In March, 1671, the town caused various river lots to be laid out, beginning at the Glover farm, and extending down the river (36 lots). John Remington and *George Kilborn* had 102 acres—30 rods wide at the river.

*In the List of Physicians—Eliphalet Kilborn* (the 5th). His wife's given name was Jane, by whom he had a daughter Jane, b. in 1746. He d. June 4, 1752.

"In obedience to a warrant from the Treasurer, dated ye 9th June, 1691, requiring the Selectmen of Rowley to assess upon the estate of the several inhabitants of our town, our proportion of ———, which amounts to £391 4*s.* 3*d.*, either in money, or in public bills of credit, or grain or provisions, at the price specified in the warrant. We have therefore proportioned the same as follows," viz., *Joseph Kilborn*, £3 7*s.* 4*d.*, *Samuel Kilborn*, £3 9*s.* 4*d.*, *Isaac Kilborn*, £0 15*s.* 6*d.*

About 1769, *Daniel Kilborn* was drowned in the Cow Bridge Creek, aged about 27. Left a widow and one child.

Mr. Gage's genealogical account is very limited, only one of the name, of Kilborn, viz., Benj. Smith m. *Martha Kilborn*, and had four sons—Moses, b. 1711, Benjamin, b. 1719, Jacob, b. 1720, Joseph, b. 1724, and four daughters.

It is more than probable you have all the following names, but as I have them before me, I will draw them off. They were in the Revolution: *Kilborns—Aaron*, *David*, *Eliphalet*, *Hezekiah*, *John*, *Joseph*, *Josiah*, and *Thomas.*

The following are those who were on the Pension List of 1840:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *John Kilborn*, | residence, | Bridgeton, Maine, with his son, J. K. |
| *Eliphalet Kilborn*, | " | Boscawen, N. H., wiith his son E. K., Jr. |
| *Calvin Kilborn*, | " | Princeton, Mass., 83 years old. |
| *John Kilborn*, | " | Winchester, " 84 years, with son J. K., Jr. |
| *Elizabeth Kilborn*, | " | Hartford, Conn., aged 86. |
| *William Kilborn*, | " | Burlington, Vt., " 77, with Wm. K., Jr. |
| *James Kilborn*, | " | Williamstown, Vermont. |

There are many individuals not mentioned in the History, who were in the French war in Canada, viz., *Aaron* and *Isaiah Kilborn*, of Lancaster, *John*, of Windham, *Jedediah*, of Newbury, *Joseph*, 2d, Lieut., of Rowley, 1767, *David* and *Josiah*, of Ipswich, 1756--57. *George*, of Rowley, (late of Newburyport,) 1763, (who was born July 22, 1743). The

census of Rowley, in 1798, gives *Joseph Kilbourn*, one House, one out-house, 40 acres of land, $300. Heirs of *Thomas Kilbourn*, with his son *Thomas*, one House, one out-house and four acres of land, $60. The following certificate was found with the papers of (our father) Capt. George Kilborn, late of Newburyport:

(1.) "Mary Kilbourn, Dautr. of Saml. and Mary, born 10 Sept. 1737. (2.) George, son of Saml. and Mary Kilbourn, born 22 July, 1743. A true copy from ye private Records of James Chandler, Paster of ye West Parish of Rowley." Yours truly,

G. R. HAYNES.

## MINUTE MEN OF THE REVOLUTION.

[COMPILED FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS RECORDS, BY JOSIAH CURTIS, M. D.]

| Names. | Residence. | Capt. of Company. | Col. of Company. |
|---|---|---|---|
| John Kilburn, | West Company in Medway. | Commanded by Lieut. Moses Adams. | John Smith. |
| Aaron Kilburn, | Lancaster. | Samuel Sawyer. | John Whitcomb. |
| Nathan Kilborn, | Rowley. | Thomas Mighill. | |
| Hezekiah Kilborn, | Berkshire Co. | Moses Souls. | John Fellows. |
| Thomas Kilborn,* | Rowley. | Edw'd. Payson. | |
| John Kilburn, | Shirley. | John Sawtell. | James Prescott. |
| Jos'h Kilburn, jr.* | Rowley. | Edw'd. Payson. | |
| Josiah Kilburn, | Mendon. | Gershom Nelson. | |
| Eliphalet Kilburn, | | John Moody.† | |

The following received funds from the proceeds of the State Lottery, and among other things I find enumerated to each—"3 shirts, 3 pairs shoes, 3 hose," &c.—spring of 1779.

| Names. | Residence. | Captain of Company | Colonel of Company. | Time of service. | Rank. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Kilburn, | Lancaster. | Turner. | H. Jackson. | 29 mos. 18 dys. | Private. |
| Chas. Kilbourn, | Sandisfield. | Jno. Williams. | Sprouts. | 36 months. | " |
| John Kilburn.‡ | Rowley. | Greenlief. | Tupper. | 34 mos. 25 dys. | Serg't. |
| Jacob Kilburn,§ | Lancaster. | Whipple. | Putnam. | | Corp'l. |

* Thomas and Joseph were in the same company.

† These were all "MINUTE MEN" in the National Alarm, April 19, 1775, and served from a few days to several months.

‡ John was promoted to Sergeant, Dec. 1, 1777.

§ Jacob was five months and 15 days Corporal—ten months and six days Sergeant, &c.

# ROLL OF REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS FROM MASSACHUSETTS.

[COMMUNICATED BY JOSIAH CURTIS, M.D., BOSTON, MASS.]

| KILBORN. Christian Names | Rank. | Name of Colonel. | Name of Captain. | Date. | Where from. | Where engaged, &c. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Asher, | Private. | John Ashley. | John Collers. | July, 1779 | Berkshire Co. | Connecticut. |
| Calvin, | Fifer. | Job Cushing. | John White. | July, 1777 | Lancaster. | Bennington alarm. |
| Charles, | Private. | —— Hopkins. | Samuel Wolcott. | July, 1776 | Not stated. | Highlands in New York. |
| Cyrenus, | " | —— Hyde. | Ebenzer Merry. | Oct. 1781 | " " | Westward. |
| Dan, | " | Nathan Tyler. | Ichabod Thayer. | July, 1780 | " " | Rhode Island alarm. |
| Eliphalet, | " | Nathaniel Wade. | John Evans. | July, 1778 | " " | " " North Kingston. |
| " | Sergeant. | —— Johnson. | Benj. Adams. | Aug. 1777 | " " | Northern Department. |
| " | " | Jacob Gerrish. | Stephen Jenkins. | Oct. 1779 | Counties of Suffolk and Essex. | To reinforce army under Gen. Washington. |
| Elisha, | Private. | John Fellows. | Jacob Brown. | Ap'l. 1775 | Berkshire Co. | Not stated. |
| " | " | —— Ashley. | Elij. Deming. | Aug. 1777 | " " | Bennington. |
| " | " | —— Hopkins. | Samuel Wolcott. | July, 1776 | Not stated. | Highlands in New York. |
| Hezekiah, | Sergeant. | John Ashley. | Zenas Wheeler. | July, 1777 | Berkshire Co. | Saratoga against Burgoyne. |
| " | " | " | Elij. Deming. | Ap'l. 1777 | " " | " under Gen. Gates. |
| " | | " | " | July 8, '77 | " " | " " Schuyler. |
| " | Lieut. | —— Coller. | —— Smith. | Oct. 1781 | Sandisfield. | Stillwater. |
| Jacob, | Private. | Luke Drury. | Nathaniel Wright. | July, 1781 | Not stated. | West Point. |
| James, | " | Asa Barnes. | T. J. Skinner. | Nov. 1781 | Berkshire. | Western Frontier alarm under Gen. Stark. |
| Jedediah, | " | Not stated. | Not stated. | Aug. 1780 | Rowley. | Not stated. |
| John, | " | Abner Perry. | Staples Chamberlain. | July, 1780 | Not stated. | " " |
| " | " | Benj. Hawes. | Amos Ellis. | Sept. 1777 | Bellingham. | Little Compton, R. I. |
| " | " | Barn's Sears. | Samuel Clarke. | July, 1781 | Berkshire Co. | Up the Mohawk. |
| " Jr. | Commanding Lieut. | —— Simonds. | John Kilborn. | Oct. 1780 | " | Vermont alarm. |
| " Jr. | Private. | " | " " | Oct. 1780 | " | " " |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| John, | Private. | —— Hawes. | A. Peters. | Aug. 1778 | Not stated. | Rhode Island. |
| " | Sergeant. | —— Symonds. | Enos Parker. | Aug. 1777 | Berkshire Co. | Bennington. |
| " | " | " | " " | July, 1777 | " " | Ticonderoga. |
| Jonathan, | " | John Ashley. | Zenas Wheeler. | July, 1777 | " " | Saratoga against Burgoyne. |
| " | " | " | E. Deming. | July 8, '77 | " " | " under Schuyler. |
| Paul, | Private. | —— Whitney. | —— Wilder. | Mar. 1781 | Lancaster. | |
| Robert, | " | John Brown. | Samuel Warner. | July, 1780 | Berkshire. | Not stated. |
| Samuel, | Corporal. | Josiah Whitney. | Wm. Thurlo. | July, 1778 | Not stated. | Rhode Island. |
| " | Private. | Enoch Hallet. | David Moore. | July, 1780 | " " | " " |
| " | " | | Ephraim Hartwell. | Oct. 1779 | " " | Not stated. |
| Stephen, | " | Benj. Hawes. | —— Baker. | Aug. 1778 | " " | Rhode Island. |
| " | " | —— Wade. | Edward Seagrave. | June, 1778 | " " | " " |
| " | " | Nathan Tyler. | Ichabod Thayer. | July, 1780 | " " | " " alarm. |
| " | " | Samuel Bullard. | John Winch. | Aug. 1777 | " " | Not stated. |
| Timothy, | Sergeant. | Eph'm Sawyers. | F. Eager. | Oct. 1777 | " " | Northern Army. |
| William, | Private. | " " | " " | July, 1780 | Sterling. | Not stated. |
| " | | " " | " " | " | Lancaster. | " " |
| York, | Private. | —— Deming. | —— Stuart. | June. 1779 | " | " " |

NOTES.—York Kilborn was a negro hired by the town of Sandisfield, and served three years in U. S. service. His residence was Great Barrington. At time of enlistment he was 28 years old, 5 feet 4 inches high—a painter by trade. Served in Ashley's Regiment, Capt. Reed's Co., and received £75 hard currency from the town of Sandisfield, agreeable to resolve of General Court of Mass., Dec. 2, 1780.

Jedediah Kilborn is described as 49 years old, light complexion, 5 feet 7 inches high.

William Kilborn, from *Lancaster*, was 17 years old, 5 feet 4 inches high. Ruddy complexion.

## JOHN A. KILBURN, Esq.,

Of East Haddam, Conn., was born in Boscawen, N. H., Sept. 6, 1826; graduated at Williams College, Mass., in 1852; studied Law in the office of Judge Dewey, in Williamstown, Mass., and with S. M. Wheeler, Esq., of Concord, N. H., and was admitted to the Bar of the Superior Court of the latter State in July, 1854. In the autumn of 1854, Mr. Kilburn opened an office in East Haddam, Conn., where he still remains in the practice of his profession. He is an Attorney and Counsellor at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, and a Commissioner of the Superior Court.

## PUBLIC FESTIVALS.

[The records of various Festivals given in honor of our namesakes have come under my observation. I select as specimens, one given in the United States, one in Canada, and one in England. Aside from their value as *Testimonials*, they will serve to show the reader the different mode of proceeding on such occasions in the several countries named.]

[FROM THE TIOGA COUNTY (PA.) EAGLE—FEBRUARY 9, 1848.]

### THE KILBURN DINNER.

This well-merited token of approbation, in honor of one of Tioga's gallant sons, Lieut. CHARLES L. KILBURN, of the U. S. Army, came off on Wednesday evening last, at the Hotel of Col. J. Kimball, in this borough [Wellsboro]. At an early hour, a very large company assembled, composed principally of citizens of Wellsboro and vicinity—among whom we noticed many of our most eminent citizens. The company was organized by the appointment of R. G. White, Esq., as President, and Gen. H. Williston and Sheriff Potter, as Vice Presidents.

The company then partook of a sumptuous dinner, served up in Col. Kimball's best style, highly creditable to his taste and skill. The following Toasts were read and loudly cheered by the whole company. Each toast was followed by excellent music arranged for the occasion. During the evening eloquent and appropriate speeches were made by R. G. White, Lieut. Kilburn, Henry Sherwood, Hon. J. C. Knox, Judge Brewster, A. P. Cone, S. F. Wilson, and Julius Sherwood; the latter gentleman sang two appropriate songs, which were received with great applause. The whole affair passed off in the most satisfactory manner to all present, and the company separated at an early hour for their respective homes.

[From a list of some forty toasts, published in the Eagle, we select the following:]

Regular Toast.—13—Lieut. Charles L. Kilburn—A gallant son of old Tioga: first in the deadly breach, and first in the hearts of his friends.

*Volunteer Toasts.*—By Judge Brewster—Our Guest, Lieut. KILBURN; May his future career be as successful as his past, and his friends be permitted to welcome him home again after the strife of war shall cease.

By Col J. Kimball—C. L. KILBURN, our Guest—To his memory and that of all the officers of the army: May their names be inscribed in letters of gold on the pages of history, and never be obliterated.

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[FROM THE BROCKVILLE (CANADA) RECORDER.]

## PUBLIC DINNER AT NEWBORO.

NEWBORO, March 12, 1852.

Our village to-day presented quite a lively aspect, notwithstanding the bad roads, in consequence of a Public Dinner being given to JOHN KILBORN, Esq., on his leaving this place to take up his residence in Brockville. Before dinner, the following numerously and respectably signed address was delivered by Benjamin Tett, Esq., at W. H. Tett's hotel:

TO JOHN KILBORN, Esq.

DEAR SIR,—We, the undersigned inhabitants of Newboro and its vicinity, having heard of your early intended removal from our neighborhood, to fill the office of Postmaster at Brockville, recently conferred upon you by his Excellency the Governor General, cannot permit your departure from us without giving expression to the high regard which we entertain for you as an inhabitant, neighbor and friend.

The example of your industry and enterprise in business has contributed much to the direction of the great improvements in our village and neighborhood, and your labor, zeal, and suggestions, have tended to advance our moral and social enjoyments.

As a Justice of the Peace, you have upheld order and impartial justice; and when the country was in danger during the last war, as well as during the late rebellion, you patriotically turned out in defence of our laws and government.

Education, temperance, and religious liberty, have at all times received your aid and support; we therefore, the more heartily regret the necessity of parting with one so highly and deservedly esteemed.

In removing from the anxieties and fatigues of your late business, we trust you will enjoy competence and greater repose; and while we deeply deplore your departure from amongst us, we are sure you will still be extensively useful in your new sphere of duty, and we hope that both you and Mrs. Kilborn will realize augmenting happiness. That God may bless you and Mrs. K., and family, with the comforts and consolations of His Holy Spirit, is the ardent prayer of,

Dear sir, your sincere friends,

Signed by

B. TETT, J. P.,
WM. YOUNG, J. P.,
JESSE DELONG, J. P.,
DR. A. LANDON,
D. M'DONALD,
JNO. DENNY,
M. CONNOR,
R. D. LUCK,
and about 140 others.

NEWBORO, March 13, 1852.

To which Mr. KILBORN made the following reply:—

*To the Inhabitants of Newboro and Vicinity.*

GENTLEMEN,—I cannot sufficiently express my deep sense of gratitude for your address, nor can I find language adequate fully to convey to you individually and collectively how highly I appreciate and cordially reciprocate the friendly sentiments it contains. This, in addition to many former acts of kindness shown me by the inhabitants of Newboro and vicinity, will, I assure you, gentlemen, be gratefully remembered and highly prized by me through life, in whatever place or position my lot may be cast.

In removing from Newboro, I am sensible I leave kind neighbors and valued friends, from whom no slight necessity could have induced me to part; but, feeling the constant labor and anxiety necessary in conducting the business I have long been engaged in, too severe for my impaired constitution, I accepted the proffered situation that causes our separation. That I may in some measure be useful, in my new calling, will require much care and attention.

If my residence among you has been conducive to the improvement of the place, or in promoting the moral and social interests of the people, it is more to be attributed to the cheerful assistance and co-operation of the intelligent inhabitants, than to any individual influence or efforts of mine.

In discharging the important duties of a Justice of the Peace, I have always endeavored to decide impartially between contending parties, irrespective of religious or political influences; to preserve the public peace, and inculcate due respect for law and order. In how far my efforts have been successful, you, gentlemen, are best able to judge. And if, in the discharge of my duty to my country, I have turned out in its defence, I only fulfilled the obligation we all owe as subjects, and which I am certain would be as cheerfully rendered by the inhabitants generally, should occasion ever again require it.

I rejoice to know that the subject of education, and also the principles of temperance, command here the respect and sympathy of firm friends and zealous advocates, by whose united efforts they must succeed; and it will be to me a happy reflection in future life, that I have had the honor and privilege of being associated with you in sustaining these important and benevolent objects.

In our removal, both Mrs. Kilborn and myself will sensibly feel the loss of many kind neighbors and sincere friends, with whom we have spent many days of friendly intercourse and social enjoyment. Be assured, that in whatever position we may providentially be placed, we shall carry with us a pleasing recollection of those associations, and of this mark of your esteem, to the latest period of our lives.

In conclusion, I heartily thank you for your kind wishes and fervent prayers for myself and family; and sincerely do I pray, that peace and happiness may rest on this interesting village and its vicinity, and that the protection and blessing of a kind Providence may attend you and yours through all the future.

NEWBORO, 13th March, 1852.

About forty of our most prominent yeoman and mechanics, together with the most prominent business men of our part of the country, adjourned to the dinner table, prepared for the occasion by our spirited landlord, W. H. Tett—Major Young occupying the Chair, and Jesse Delong, Esq., performing the duties of Vice Chairman.

Ample justice having been done to the skill of Mrs. Tett, the following toasts were given, and drank with pure cold water: The Chairman, after some preliminary remarks on the object of the meeting, gave, "The Governor General—under the auspices of the successive representatives of Britain's Sovereign, may Canada long remain one of her most flourishing dependencies," which was responded to by three hearty cheers. James Canada, Esq., gave, "The Countess of Elgin—may the loyal feelings and liberal views which have signally marked her noble ancestors, be prominent characteristics of Canadian statesmen."

The Chairman then gave, "Our honored Guest—may the memory of his laudable example give a lasting impetus to our honest endeavors for improvement." After the repeated cheers with which this was received had subsided, Mr. Kilborn rose, and after expressing his sense of the honor done him, said that the proceedings of this day would be always remembered by him with the most lively feelings of satisfaction. Though leaving Newboro, he hoped, and in fact he had no doubt, but that in a short time the distance between Brockville and Newboro would be so much shortened that he would be able to come out and take breakfast with his friends here for a morning ride. He spoke of the past history and present prospects of Newboro, and the benefits to be derived from the Georgian Bay and Prescott Railroad passing our town, and again thanking his friends for their kindly feelings towards him, resumed his seat.

Jesse Delong, Esq., proposed, "The Hon. James Morris, Postmaster General—May his patriotic zeal in the Post Office Department successfully promote the intelligence and various interests of our Province." Mr. James B. Stevens, Postmaster, in reply, said that he thought the country under great obligations to Mr. Morris for the improved facilities of communication, in consequence of the number of new post-offices and post routes which had come into successful operation since he had the management of the department; and, after noticing the increase in the business in the post-office here, and the new post route between this place and Kingston through South Crosby and Leeds, sat down loudly cheered.

Dr. Landon gave "The Newboro Division, No. 7, Sons of Temperance," which was responded to by A. Sands, Esq., who said that as he was one of the oldest members of the Division, he would take this opportunity to say that their guest, having been the the principal cause of starting the Division, and having always taken an active part in its proceedings, his loss would be severely felt by the friends of the cause.

Mr. Giles gave, "The Village of Newboro."

The health of John Denny, Esq., the enterprising proprietor of the Newboro Steam Mills, was then given by Mr. Fredenburgh. Mr. Denny, in reply, said, after a number of years' residence in Newboro as a merchant, where he had been very successful, he had determined to invest his capital in a business, which, though attended with considerable risk, was much wanted in this place. He had, in consequence, spared no expense in making his mill as perfect as money and talent could make it, and he had no doubt but that he would be able, with the assistance of his old friends and customers, to make it a paying concern.

Mr. Connor gave, "The Agriculturalists and Mechanics of Newboro and the adjacent country," and Mr. E. Luck, "The Officers and Men of the 9th Battalion Leeds Militia," which was responded to by Maj. Young.

Mr. Richard Luck then rose, and after a few remarks on the sumptuous dinner, and the elegant and tasteful manner in which it was got up,

proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tett, which was drank with loud applause.

"The President and Vice-President," was then given by Mr. R. Kilborn; after which the company dispersed, highly pleased with the day's proceedings.

A. IMESON, *Secretary.*

NEWBORO, 13th March, 1852.

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[FROM THE LONDON MORNING ADVERTISER—APRIL 19, 1855.]

## TESTIMONIAL TO MR. W. KILBURN, RETIRING GOVERNOR OF THE LICENSED VICTUALLERS' INCORPORATED SOCIETY.

LAST night Mr. W. KILBURN was entertained at a dinner, given at the Feathers Tavern, in the Waterloo-Road (Mr. Elt's,) for the purpose of presenting him with a Testimonial on his retiring from the position of Governor of the Licensed Victuallers' Incorporated Society.

The Chair was filled by the newly elected Governor (Mr. Raven,) and there were present, Past Governors, Mr. Corby, Mr. G. Walter, Mr. Homer, Mr. Long, and Mr. Elt; Mr. Proctor, Past Trustee, and the members of the past and present Committees.

On the removal of the cloth,

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen," said he felt he was giving it under no ordinary circumstances, in consequence of the visit of their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of the French.—(Cheers.) The Queen had always been much endeared to her subjects, and the present visit, would, if possible, endear her still more. —(Cheers.) He hoped that for many years she would live, as she hitherto had done—in the hearts of her subjects.—(Cheers.) In conclusion, he said he had peculiar gratification at the present moment in proposing ong life and happiness to the Queen.

The toast was drank with all the honors, and loud cheering, followed by the National Anthem.

The Chairman said the next toast he had to propose was, "The Health of His Royal Highness Prince Albert," and he proposed the toast, not so much with reference to his exalted rank, as to the manner in which he had conducted himself towards the public.—(Cheers.) He had shown himself a warm patron of the arts and sciences, and he was especially the friend and patron of agriculture, and had done much to improve the breeding of cattle. It was among his highest recommendations that he proved himself to be a good husband and a good parent, and the consequence was that he lived high in the esteem of this great nation.—(Cheers.) He (the Chairman) had therefore great pleasure in proposing "The Health of Prince Albert, the Patron of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum," and he would add the hope that he might long live in happiness with the Queen.

Drank with all the honors and loud cheers.

The Chairman then gave—"The Prince of Wales, the Princess Royal, and other members of the Royal family," and in doing so, expressed a hope that the Royal children would follow the excellent example which had been set them by their Royal parents.

Drank with all the honors and loud cheers.

The Chairman then rose, and said he had to propose what might be called a maiden toast, for certainly no such toast had ever been proposed at a public dinner in England. The toast was, "The Emperor and Em-

press of the French—(enthusiastic applause)—and the maintenance of the friendly relations now existing between England and France."—(Cheers.) He hoped none of the company would ever live to see any disunion between the two nations.—(Hear, hear.) It must have been very gratifying to our most Gracious Sovereign and the people at large to witness the warm and cordial reception which the Emperor and Empress of France met with—more especially the latter—on their visit to this country.—(Cheers.)

The toast having been most enthusiastically acknowledged,

The Chairman said he had next to propose the toast of "The Army and Navy." Though many had thought that the long peace would have an injurious effect upon the efficiency of their military force, no one could deny that at all events they had shown themselves not undeserving the name of brave Englishmen—(cheers)—and he was sure they would conduct themselves throughout the great struggle in which they were now engaged, in such a manner as would sustain the glory of this great country, and give satisfaction to the nations of Europe.—(Cheers.) He had also to express his high admiration of their brave Allies for the courage and constancy with which they had acted towards the forces of this country. He would therefore call upon them to drink in full bumpers, "The Allied Armies and Navies of England and France."

Drank with three times three and continued cheers.

The Chairman said he had next to give a toast in which they were all deeply interested, namely, "The Incorporated Society of Licensed Victuallers, and the Licensed Victuallers' School."—(Loud cheers.) It was quite unnecessary he should say one word to recommend such a toast to the notice of the present meeting.—(Cheers.) He regretted that, during the present year, the subscriptions had fallen somewhat short, but he hoped the evil times had gone by—(hear, hear)—and that, in the present year, the subscriptions would reach the wished-for amount.—(Cheers.) It was impossible to overrate the objects of their charity, and he trusted that their journal—the *Morning Advertiser*—would be enabled still more efficiently to aid their very admirable Charities.—(Cheers.) He hoped the little differences that had unhappily arisen among the trade were fast passing away—(hear, hear, and prolonged cheering)—and that they would all devote their attention to promote the prosperity of the School.—(Cheers.)

The Chairman then announced that the next toast was one which required greater eloquence and ability on the part of the proposer than he possessed. He felt himself altogether inadequate to do justice to the toast, but one thing was certain, that no man, however clever or eloquent, could propose it with greater sincerity of heart or integrity of purpose.—(Cheers.) If, therefore, he failed in properly conveying a compliment to his esteemed and valued friend, Mr. KILBURN, their late Governor, he (the Chairman) hoped it would be attributed to want of mental power—not affection—to the head—not the heart.—(Hear, hear.) He had the greatest pleasure in bringing under their notice their retiring friend, who had presided over them with so much advantage to the Institution and satisfaction to the members.—(Hear, hear.) His year of office was a turbulent one. He had had many and formidable difficulties to contend against; he had had to preside over many boisterous meetings, and it was to be hoped his kind and courteous demeanor, and exemplary patience on such occasions, would never be forgotten.—(Cheers.) His efforts to increase the funds of the Institution had been eminently successful, and although out of office, it was to be trusted that he would never con-

sider himself out of place in advocating the cause of the Association, or exerting himself to maintain their noble charities.—(Cheers.) He (the Chairman) had served under three governors with pleasure and satisfaction, but however much he might regret the retirement from office of able and useful men, he thought the arrangement which rendered such retirement necessary a very wise provision, inasmuch as it was the means of introducing fresh friends and fresh resources. Past officers by retiring were not lost to the Society, while new ones were accessions of strength. —(Cheers.) Mr. KILBURN had always watched over the children of the School with the most paternal solicitude, and on all occasions used the most zealous and industrious exertions to promote the interests of the Institution.—(Cheers.) As a convincing proof that the Committee acting under him had fully appreciated his services, he (the Chairman) wished to inform Mr. Kilburn that they had instructed him to present as a memorial of their esteem and respect, the beautiful cup which he held in his hand.—(Cheers.) The intrinsic value of the cup was not to be taken as the measure of their esteem, but their esteem would lend a value to the gift which no money could purchase.—(Cheers.) He had great pleasure in presenting to Mr. Kilburn, in the name of the Trustees and Committee of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, this token of their esteem for his excellent qualities of mind and heart, and the valuable services he had rendered to their noble charities. He hoped his son would be prompted by this mark of respect, to follow in the footsteps of so worthy a father—(hear, hear)—and to earn for himself the reward of an ambition so laudable, and a career so meritorious.—(Hear, hear.)

The Chairman then presented Mr. Kilburn with a massive silver cup, with two handles, and a very elegant design. The cup bore the following inscription:—

"Presented by the Trustees and Committee of the Incorporated Society of Licensed Victuallers,

TO MR. WILLIAM KILBURN,

in testimony of their appreciation of his constant attention to the duties of Chairman at their numerous meetings; for the firmness, impartiality and moderation with which he had presided over the Quarterly and Special General Courts, during a time of unexampled difficulty and excitement; and for the earnest desire he has invariably displayed to improve and uphold the commercial and benevolent objects of the Society, while acting as Governor of the Corporation during the year 1854–55."

The presentation cup was then charged with claret, and sent round the room, and duly inaugurated as the "loving cup" of the Kilburn Family. A very lively and cordial demonstration of respect and regard for the Past Governor followed the drinking of his health.

Mr. Kilburn, in responding, said he was much pleased with the reflection, that he had given satisfaction in filling the Chair for the last year. (Hear, hear.) Their worthy Governor had eulogised him (Mr. Kilburn) for his exertions on behalf of the poor old people in the Asylum, and the children in the School. He could only say, that during his year of office, he had spared no exertion to make those Institutions all that could be desired. In those exertions he was happy to acknowledge the valuable aid afforded by Messrs. Walter and Long, and other gentlemen, whose zeal and activity had earned for them the respect and admiration of the whole trade.—(Cheers.) It was observed that this had been a troublesome year. He believed that that remark was quite true. Since

the establishment of the *Morning Advertiser* the trade never experienced such difficulties arising from variance of opinion among themselves.—(Hear, hear.) He must, however, state that the contest did not arise from bad feeling so much as from a want of acquaintance, on the part of some members of the trade, with the Incorporated Society.—(Hear, hear.) Those gentlemen who had created dissension were clever and honorable men, and naturally felt sore on account of the curtailment of the hours in carrying on their business, and much allowance should be made for any exhibition of feeling on their part; but he thought, at the same time, that they were somewhat wrong in making a small disadvantage at present of more importance than a great one in future.—(Hear, hear.) The Society were looking to the future, and doing the best they could to protect the interests of the body generally.—(Hear, hear.) He had not taken any part in the quarrel, nor would he make these observations—which he made in no spirit of unkindness to any party—at a Quarterly Court.—(Hear, hear.) If he did they would never be able to get through the business.—(Laughter.) With respect to the "Defence Society" he must say that there were some clever, shrewd, keen men of business among them, men whose assistance and co-operation would be of great advantage to those prominently engaged in forwarding the interests of the Institution, provided they would take the right course.—(Laughter.) He meant, that in the Defence Association there were gentlemen with whom he would be proud to associate, and whom he should like to meet at that table—(cheers)—gentlemen whom he trusted to see there when they were fully qualified.—(Hear, hear.) He had much respect for them, and he hoped that very soon they would all work together as an united body for the general good.—(Hear, hear.) The children of the poorer classes of the trade, he was happy to say, were all well provided for: they were well fed, well housed, well educated, and especially as regarded their moral training. While he had the honor to be Governor he always considered himself as the father of that flock, and as the present Governor had no children of his own he might now take charge of them, and congratulate himself on having so fine a family.—(Laughter.) Having paid a handsome compliment to Mrs. Dallimore, the matron of the Licensed Victuallers' School, and also to Mr. Smalley, the Secretary of the Incorporated Society, for his great talents, excellent management, and indefatigable industry, Mr. Kilburn adverted to the very handsome testimonial given him for his official services, and facetiously remarked that the value of the compliment was enhanced by the visit of the Emperor and Empress of the French, for it was a curious and not unimportant circumstance in the history of the trade, that the first time the health of those two illustrious persons was ever proposed in England, was on the occasion of the Licensed Victuallers presenting him with a silver cup.—(Cheers and laughter.) Mr. Kilburn having paid a very handsome compliment to the Editor of the *Morning Advertiser*, concluded by expressing his warmest acknowledgments for the compliment paid him, and the most benevolent wishes for all present.

Ex-Governor Homer followed in an interesting address, and concluded with the following toast:—

"Prosperity to the *Morning Advertiser*, and health and long life to Mr. Grant."

Which was drank with all the honors, and prolonged cheering.

Mr. Grant, the Editor of the *Morning Advertiser*, responded in a speech of considerable length and great ability, which was received with fre-

quent demonstrations of applause. He highly complimented the administration of Governor Kilburn, and thanked Mr. Homer for his flattering toast.

[Toasts were also given and speeches made by Messrs. Elt, Wickens, Proctor, Corby, Homer, Vile and Clarke, which are printed at length in the *Advertiser*, but are omitted here for want of room.]

Mr. Clarke proposed the next toast, which he considered to be one of the most important of the evening, taken in conjunction with the visit of the Emperor and Empress of the French.—(Hear, hear.) They all knew the importance of the city of London; and they had now to look at it in connexion with the visit of the ruler of France—(hear, hear)—and he thought they could not attach too much importance to the visit which was to be paid to the city to-morrow.—(Cheers.) The reception which had been given to their distinguished visitors by the Queen and by the British nation, augured well for the continuance of the alliance between England and France—(Loud Cheers.) After some furthur observations, Mr. Clarke gave the toast of "The Corporation of the City of London," coupling with the toast the names of Mr. G. Walter and Mr. Vile.

Drank with the usual honors and loud cheers.

Mr. G. Walter said he felt much pleasure in responding to the observations of Mr. Clarke, and also to the manner in which the meeting had received the toast. If ever there was an important period in the history of the city, it was the present.—(Cheers.) The present ruler of France was about to pay the city a visit, and when they considered the determination of the Corporation to attach the greatest interest to that visit, they must all feel that the Corporation was of some importance still. He had the honor to be a member of the Corparation, and he felt persuaded that every man who considered the matter, must be sensible of the advantage this country enjoyed in parochial government, opposed, as it was, to the bad system of centralization.—(Cheers.) Being connected with a ward which formed one-fifth portion of the Corporation, he was enabled to speak with some confidence on the subject.—(Hear, hear.) The moment it was made known that the Corporation wished to show their respect to the Emperor—that great man—for so he called him, who was the embodiment of the greatness of the French people—(hear, hear)—it was intimated that the Emperor's sentiments would be ascertained on the subject, and the answer he gave was, that he would receive the address of the Corporatiou in their ancient Guildhall.—(Cheering.) He (Mr. G. Walter) thought that for the welfare of the people and for commerce, the alliance between two such great nations as England and France ought to last forever.—(Loud cheers.) England and France, united, were best able to advance the interests of civilization; and the Corporation of London, in coming forward as it was now doing, was taking the course best calculated to promote lasting harmony between the two nations.—(Loud cheers.) He begged to thank them cordially for the manner in which they had responded to the toast.

Mr. Kilburn, in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of their excellent Secretary, Mr. Smalley, and bore testimony to the great advantage he had derived from him during his year of office. The toast was drank with three times three and loud cheers.

Mr. Smalley returned thanks, and said it was his misfortune, but an advantage to the establishment, that annual changes took place in the

head of the establishment, and the moment a Governor was enabled to form an estimate of his services, he was succeeded by a new Governor. —(Hear, hear.) He need hardly tell the meeting that he had a difficult task to perform in consulting the feelings and tempers of all who came to the Board.—(Hear, hear.) After having been eleven years their Secretary, he thought he might without vanity say, that he had reason to be proud of not having been found fault with.—(Cheers.) He could truly say that he was desirous of doing all he could. He and some of the Committee had called on Mr. Corby on the occasion of their choosing the cup, and that gentleman not only gave them a very cordial reception, but made a very handsome collection.—(Cheers.) That gentleman had been absent from them for 16 or 17 years, and having got a new circle of friends, would be able to render them assistance, which he (Mr. Smalley) was certain Mr. Corby would cheerfully give them.—(Hear.) As Mr. Homer had been the mainstay in the enlargement of the paper, he might say that Mr. Corby was the mainstay of the building of the School.—(Hear.) Both these gentlemen had that night done justice to each other, and he hoped the trade would never let their noble Institution suffer by disunion or neglect.—(Cheers.) He confessed he had some doubts, in the first instance, of the success of the enlargement of the paper, and he thought that Mr. Homer was entitled to their best thanks for the foresight he had shown. He was glad that Mr. Corby had appeared among them that day; and he trusted he would often come to render his assistance. Before he concluded, he might be permitted to say that he had exerted himself before the enlargement of the paper, and since, to benefit it, as far as he was able; and he could say that, by his calculations at the change in the advertising duty, he had been able to benefit the establishment to the amount of £2,000 a year.—(Cheers.) He begged to return his best thanks for the compliment they had paid him.

The Chairman gave, "The Health of the Deputy Chairman," Mr. Bowles, which having been duly honored, that gentleman returned thanks.

Mr. Fox gave, "The Chairman, Trustees, and Governors of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum."

The Chairman next gave, "The Protection Society."

Mr. Long returned thanks.

Mr. Kilburn said he had great pleasure in giving "The Health of their worthy host, Mr. Elt," and to express their thanks for the very handsome dinner he had placed on the table that day.—(Cheers.) He was aware that such a dinner was not prepared without considerable trouble and anxiety, and he was likewise aware that they were much indebted to Mrs. Elt for the comfort they had experienced.—(Cheers.) He, therefore, proposed the "Health of Mr. Elt, coupled with that of his wife, and every prosperity to them."

Drank with three times three and loud cheers.

Mr. Elt said he felt a difficulty in adequately thanking his friends for the kind compliment they had paid to himself and his wife; and he felt great pleasure in finding that they had catered successfully for their gratification.—(Cheers.)

The company then separated, after having spent a very agreeable evening. The dinner and wines were excellent.

## EXTRACTS FROM NEWSPAPERS.

"LITCHFIELD, DEC. 12, 1786.—In the snow storm on Saturday evening last, the wife of Mr. *Elisha Birge*, of this town, unfortunately perished. The fury of the tempest seeming to threaten an immediate dismemberment of the long erected and decayed mansion of their residence, a naturally timid disposition induced Mrs. Birge fatally to determine on leaving it, and seek an asylum in a neighboring house. She had not proceeded far, when Mr. Birge followed and overtook her. Having wandered about the dreary waste for some time in fruitless search of the friendly cottage, her hapless survivor suggested that they had mistaken the road, and urged their return—but alas! it was too late. She was falling asleep; the chilling winds and hoary frost had deprived her of speech and sense; and beside the bending trunk of an aged tree she expired in his arms. Those who knew her worth cannot restrain the sympathetic tear. She was hospitable and good, indulgent to her children, a comfort to her partner, a blessing to her neighbors, and an irreparable loss to the stranger and distressed. Mr. Birge was exposed to the storm about five hours before he found a shelter. His hands and ears were much frozen, but it is hoped he will recover."*—*Litchfield Monitor.*

### "HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE."

"Under this heading, the Springfield (Ohio) Republican, in noticing the fact we treated a few days ago, that Nathan Hale, editor of the Boston Daily Advertiser, twenty years ago set in motion that great railroad ball which has since been rolled in Massachusetts and several other States to so great purpose, makes the following reference to a venerable and respected citizen of Ohio:

"The Gazette need not have traveled all the way to Boston, to find a man who had far-seeing views of the Railroad system, greatly in advance of his contemporaries. Earlier than the period named by the Gazette—before our State Canal system had been adopted—that staunch old Whig, Col. JAMES KILBOURNE, of Worthington, Franklin county, advocated over his proper signature, in the State Journal, a Railroad scheme of improvements for the State of Ohio. How immensely ahead of her present advanced position would our State have been, had her public men possessed the foresight to adopt and the means to prosecute the suggestions of Col. KILBOURNE."—*Cincinnati Gazette.*

### ANOTHER DUEL—PARTIES ARRESTED.

Correspondence of the N. Y. Tribune.

PHILADELPHIA, April 6, 1842.

CYRUS KILBORN, a Quaker, having incurred the displeasure of Francis J. Troubat, in consequence of requesting him to leave his store, where he had got into a fierce contest with a man by the name of Benjamin Tevis, was challenged by Troubat to mortal combat! Very naturally, Mr. Kilborn, who is a most exemplary member of the Society of Friends, a body who entertain a just and holy horror against dueling, was not a

* Mr. Birge was a grandson of Joseph and Dorothy Kilborn, of Litchfield. (See p. 73, of this volume.)

little astonished. He informed the bearer that time must be given him to reflect as to the course which he should pursue, and desired the note or challenge, left with him.

This, of course, was done, and to the credit of Mr. Kilborn, he repaired to the office of Alderman Mitchell, entered his complaint, had the guilty persons arrested and held to bail to keep the peace.

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FROM THE COLUMBUS (OHIO) JOURNAL—MARCH, 1845.

## A SILVER PITCHER FOR COL. JAMES KILBOURNE.

The splendid Silver Pitcher, presented to the Hon. JAMES KILBOURNE, of this vicinity, by the friends of the "Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati," chartered by act of the last General Assembly, as a testimonial of respect for his exertions with the Legislature, and elsewhere, in explaining the principles, and supporting the claims of that Institution, is the workmanship of Messrs. E. & D. Kinsey, corner of Sixth and Walnut sts., Cincinnati, O., and in its just proportions, superior style of ornaments and engraving, and perfection of execution in every part, would be creditable to the most distinguished artist of their order in America.

It was presented in the College Edifice, at Worthington, O., on the 29th ult., in presence of the Board of Trustees of that Institution, and a numerous assembly of ladies and gentlemen convened on the occasion, by Dr. Thomas Vaughn Morrow, founder and first Professor of the Institute, who was deputed specially for that purpose. The presentation was preceded by an excellent and eloquent address, by Professor Morrow, on behalf of the new corporation, to their honored benefactor and to the audience: To which, after the presentation, the venerable receiver made a most feeling and appropriate reply. In all which, the audience appeared to take a lively interest.* The Pitcher is 13 inches high, 19½ inches in circumference, and heavy in material for its general proportions. On its front is the following inscription:

PRESENTED TO THE
HON. JAMES KILBOURNE,
By the friends of the
Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati,
In consideration of his able and efficient support
Of the cause of Medical Reformation.
*E. & D. Kinsey, Makers.*

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## CAPTAIN C. L. KILBURN.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27, 1850.

This young officer, who has been sojourning in California for nearly a year upon sick leave, departs for Washington in the steamer of to-day, in restored health. Captain Kilburn was attached to the famous battery of Captain Bragg during the whole of the Mexican war, and distinguished himself by his coolness, daring bravery and skill as an officer, and contributed much to the establishment of the great reputation which Bragg's battery acquired on so many brilliant fields under General Taylor.—*Cor. N. Y. Jour. of Com.*

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* The "Western Medical Reformer," for April, 1845, contains the address of Prof. Morrow, together with Col. Kilbourne's reply, both occupying about eleven pages of that Journal.

## "MORE FROM OREGON.

"We copy the following additional items from the Oregon Spectator:

An election was held to fill the offices created by the charter of Oregon City.

The following is the result:—WM. K. KILBORN, Mayor; Francis S. Holland, Recorder. Trustees—Medoram Crawford, George Hannum, Andrew Hood, Richard McMahan and Noyes Smith.

A meeting of the officers elect was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at which the following named City Officers were chosen, viz:—Kintzing Pritchett, City Counsellor; Wm. B. Campbell, Treasurer; Peter H. Hatch, Assessor; Septimus Huelot, City Marshal."—*N. Y. Tribune*, Nov. 7, 1850.

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[FROM THE ALBANY EVENING JOURNAL—JUNE 30, 1849.]

## "LATEST FROM OREGON.

"The news from California is almost two months later than from Oregon. The Legislature of Oregon had been in session for some time, and adjourned on the 16th of February, (our dates are to the 22d). The subject of lands, partnerships, appointments, gaming, distilling of ardent spirits, &c., had received attention. Thus early, also, there are "divorces," and in fact all the refinements of civilized life.

The Legislature elected the following officers:

Gen. A. L. Lovejoy—*Supreme Judge.*
W. S. Matlock, Esq.—*Circuit Judge.*
S. Parker, Esq.—*Prosecuting Attorney.*
T. Magruder, Esq.—*Territorial Secretary.*
Wm. K. Kilborn, Esq.—" *Treasurer.*
J. G. Campbell, Esq.— " *Auditor.*
Wm. H. Bennett, " *Marshal.*

Theophilus Magruder, James Burch and Wesley Shannon, Esquires, Commissioners to settle all claims growing out of the Cayuse War.

A. Lee Lewis, Superintendent of Indian Affairs."

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[FROM THE NEW HAVEN REGISTER—1848.]

## "ARTESIAN WELL ON LONG WHARF.

"In order to supply water for the use of a steam boiler upon Long Wharf, at the distance of a third of a mile from the last pump upon the shore at the head of the wharf, Capt. Samuel J. Clarke, of this city, has adopted the expedient of sinking an iron pipe six inches in diameter inside, through the soft blue mud of the harbor. This experiment has been completely successful, in procuring the desired water. The pipe was forced down by strong pressure, through about 36 feet of blue mud, into a bed of sand, which was penetrated to the further distance of about four feet, where a bed of gravel was reached, which furnished a copious supply of pure water, which rose at the top of the pipe, and is sufficient for all the supply that can be desired. The mud and sand was removed from the inside of the tube, as it descended, by means of an augur, ingeniously adapted to the purpose by Mr. AARON KILBORN, the machinist

by whom the well was constructed. The pressure of the loose matters near the surface, was removed by a curbing of planks, sunk about 17 feet from the bed of the ground.

It is now about two months since this well was finished, and the supply of water remains undiminished. A common hand pump will produce nó sensible diminution of this supply, and it is pure and ample for all the purposes for which it was intended, and can doubtless be drawn on to any extent, to supply shipping, for which purpose its position is very convenient.

There is so much fixed air, (a carbonic acid gas,) dissloved in this water, that it has a sparkling, lively taste, and copious bubbles of the escaping gas make their appearance in a glass of the freshly drawn water. If a bottle is filled with it, and corked immediately, so much of this gas collects as to give a pop, on the withdrawing of the cork.

Mr. Silliman, Jr., has made a chemical examination of the water, and finds it to contain small quantities of a sulphate of lime, (a plaster of paris) and carbonate of iron, which gives a slight and and not disagreeable taste to the water. It also contains a little magnesia. A trace of common salt is also found in it, but not more than is found in most wells in this town. When first drawn, the water has a feeble odor of bilge-water, (sulphurated hydrogen,) which is no doubt derived from the decaying matters in the bottom of the harbor. This disappears, however, after a short exposure to the air, and is not sufficient in quantity to answer to the usual tests for this substance. There is nothing in the water to prevent its use for any domestic purpose, or for shipping. At the same time, the minute amount of iron, the carbonic acid gas, and the other constituents, make the water, properly speaking, a mineral water. A water which contains iron, is called a "Chalybeate water," and such waters are much valued for their medicinal uses, and their power in imparting an appetite to those who drink them. We must regard this experiment as one of peculiar interest to the citizens of New Haven, as showing by an example at our own door, the superior advantages of Artesian borings as a means of procuring pure water. It is by no means certain that this may not be the most expedient and desirable way in every view, to procure an ample supply of water for public purposes. It is not at all unlikely, that an Artesian well of the depth of a few hundred feet upon our plain, would supply from the Sandstone beds which underlie us, an inexhaustible quantity of the best water, and at a cost not so great, probably, as that of a single mile of aqueduct. Mr. Clarke declares, that could he not procure another well similar to the one he now has, to supply his engine, that ten thousand dollars would be no consideration to him to part with it."

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## "FOR AUSTRALIA.

"Out of two hundred and thirty passengers, who left New York for Australia a few days since, it is said one hundred and forty were Canadians. On Tuesday last, six young men left this town for the same *El Dorado*, viz., Messrs. D. Dunham, Sherwood Hall, Roderick Kilborn, George Kilborn, George Cowan and Alexander Burritt."—*Brockville*, [*Canada*] *Recorder*, Aug. 10, 1850.

## ELEGY

ON THE DEATH OF MISS **LOIS KILBOURN**, WHO DIED IN LITCHFIELD, JANUARY 21, 1851, AGED 27 YEARS.

BY H. WARD, EDITOR OF THE LITCHFIELD REPUBLICAN.

She died not as the worldling hastes away,
'Mid clouds of gloomy horror, to the tomb,
With fear and trembling, lest the judgment day
Should seal in endless night, the spirit's doom.

Ah, no! in glorious triumph over Death,
The last great foe of Adam's hapless race,
She yielded up, in faith, her gentle breath,
Assured that earth was not her dwelling-place.

She lived for Heaven; her hopes were center'd there;
And though Consumption's slowly wasting blight,
Was on her cheek, she knew no dark despair;
For faith in Jesus made her prospects bright.

And when her wearied soul was on the verge
Of Life's last billow, ready to depart,
No dark'ning wave of Jordan's heaving surge,
For once appall'd her pure, confiding heart.

But all was light! the sting of Death was past,
For her the grave no victory could claim!
On angel's wings she soared away at last,
And Heavenly music fill'd the starry frame.

Sweet is the memory of her virtues still;
And we will fondly cherish them in life,
In hopes that we may reach that heavenly hill,
Where all the saints shall rest from care and strife.

We miss her in the hallowed house of God,
Where she was wont to listen to the voice
Of holy teaching; in her walks abroad,
'Mid summer flowers; she too, could then rejoice.

For Nature, in her glorious beauty clad,
Taught her unspotted mind, that "God is Love,"
Who maketh all things in their season glad,
And smileth on His children from above.

As droops the lily on its fragile stem,
Beneath the chilling North wind's freezing breath,
So did she languish in "Night's diadem,"
Like that pale flower, still lovelier in death.

And now the cold turf wraps her lifeless form,
And dreary Winter raves o'er Nature's tomb;
But Spring will come, in radiant beauty warm,
And cause the flowers upon her grave to bloom.

Bright emblem of the resurrection morn!
She, too, will waken from the silent clay,
Immortal beauty will her face adorn!
Her crown will brighten through eternal day!

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## "MILWAUKEE AND MISSISSIPPI RAILROAD.

"The Directors of this Road met on Saturday, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at the room of the Board of Trade, and proceeded to the election of a President. HON. BYRON KILBOURN was *unanimously* chosen on the first ballot, to fill that station; and we cannot forbear saying that no man in Wisconsin could discharge the duties of the office more creditably and ably."—*Milwaukee* (*Wis.*) *Sentinel*, May, 1849.

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FROM THE CALENDAR.

## "THE OLD WEST CHURCH."

Very many persons who, in olden times, were accustomed to travel on the "overland route" from Boston to New York, will remember the "Old West Church," situated in the western part of Litchfield, Conn. The edifice was designed and built in 1796–7, by Mr. GILES KILBORN, an architect of high repute in his day. A sum nearly sufficient to defray the cost of its erection had been subscribed by Churchmen residing in the neighborhood of its location; but on its completion, some of the subscribers failed to meet their engagements, and consequently the expense fell heavily upon the builder. The building having originated in a spirit of hostility to the Rev. Dr. Butler, then Rector of St. Michael's Parish, it was never consecrated, and never received a canonical name; hence, it was long called "Kilborn's Church," though some of the clerical wags of the day were wont to call it "St. *Giles'*." In subsequent years, however, it was usually known as the Old West Church.

Kilborn was very proud of it as a specimen of his workmanship, and was often heard to say that he only desired to live to see it completed. It stood upon elevated ground, and being surmounted by a high steeple, it could be seen at a great distance. In his journeyings over the country, Kilborn would not unfrequently pause on some height from which the church was visible, and, with folded arms, stand for some minutes gazing at it with evident satisfaction. As a singular coincidence, it may be mentioned that he died suddenly soon after his favorite work was finished; and his was the first funeral ever attended within its hallowed walls.

Though the congregation which worshipped in the old church was permitted to manage its affairs as an independent organization, it was regarded by the diocese as a component part of St. Michael's Parish. Religious services were held in this edifice from 1797 until near the time of its demolition in the summer of 1843—almost half a century. The following clergymen of the Episcopal Church officiated as rectors, viz., Rev. Truman Marsh, A. M., Rev. Isaac Jones, A. M., Rev. Messrs. Kellogg, Finch, Beach, Tomlinson, Bryant, Porter, Eastman, &c. A new and elegant church edifice was erected near its site soon after it was torn down, which was consecrated and bears the name of *St. Paul's*.

## "A LIVE JUDGE.

"As the venerable Judge KILBURN, of Pennsylvania, was once traveling in a stage-coach on his way to Court, he found among his fellow-passengers a lady from one of the back-woods counties who had evidently seen but little of the world, and whose quaint and unsophisticated remarks excited the risibles of her listeners to an alarming pitch. The Judge having become interested in his new acquaintance, with true Yankee tact soon made himself acquainted with her origin and history. After she had finished her story, she continued,

"I've told you who I am, now I want to know who *you* are and where you come from."

"My name is Kilburn, and I came originally from the 'land of steady habits,'" was the response.

"I've heard tell of Judge Kilburn; you a'int him be you?" said the lady.

"So they call me when I am at home," replied the Judge.

"I thought you was some great big man; is the land of steady habits in *this* world?"

"Yes—it is in old Connecticut."

"Wal," she continued, after looking at the Judge for a moment in astonishment, "I've seen *picters* of Judges, *but I never seen a* LIVE *one before, and did'nt know where they come from neither.*"—*Lowell (Mass.) Operative*, 1844.

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[FROM THE AMERICAN UNION.]

## THE REBEL DOCTOR.*

### A CANADIAN SKETCH.

At the breaking out of civil disturbances in Canada a few years since, old Dr. K., a resident of Barnston, boldly avowed his disloyalty. Wherever he went—and his professional services were constantly required in one direction or another—he loudly denounced the government, and advocated reform. By the opposite party, he was of course considered a dangerous subject; the more so, because he possessed great influence in the community. Every few days, some neighbor not so generally esteemed as the Doctor, for having hinted the indulgence of sentiments in unison with his own, was arrested, imprisoned, and his estate, great or small, confiscated; yet himself escaped being reported to the higher powers, and went on, inciting the people to rebellion.

At length, however, a knowledge of his radicalism was by some means conveyed to the ear of authority, and orders for his arrest were forthwith issued. As the Doctor was leaving the house of a patient one dark evening, a person whom in the darkness of the night he could not distinguish, ran up to him quite out of breath, and exclaimed—

"Ride for your life, Doctor, Her Majesty's hounds are at your heels."

The next instant, the informant had leaped the wall by the roadside and disappeared in the darkness without giving the other time to make one inquiry. He had no reason to doubt that the warning was given in good faith, and the manner in which he galloped away, proved his inten-

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* The subject of this interesting sketch is understood to be Dr. KILBURN, of Barnston, a descendant of Capt. Ebenezer Kilburn, of Gilsum, N. H., whose family record is given on pages 206—208 of this volume.

tion of turning it to good account. In a very brief space of time his fleet beast had carried him over the three miles that lay between him and his home, and was reined up before the door.

Leaving his carriage and entering the house, he in a few words apprised his wife and daughter of the state of affairs, and declared his resolution of fleeing to the States.

"I must be off instantly," he said, with calm energy, "or it will be too late."

"Will you go in the carriage or on horseback?" asked Miss K., a young lady of eighteen, springing from her chair, while her father's spirit of daring seemed to be flashing from her dark eyes.

"On horseback—on the black mare in the stable. But what are you going to do?" interrogated her father, seeing her throw on her hood and seize a lighted lantern.

"Saddle the black mare, to be sure," she answered, and darted out at a back door.

There was less perturbation in the household than might have been expected, for the reason that this result of the Doctor's boldness of speech had been from the first anticipated. Indeed, each of the three felt less surprised that the royal officers were now on the track, than that they had suffered him to go thus long unmolested. Scarcely had the Doctor, with the assistance of his wife, transferred his money and his valuable papers from his desk to his pockets, when the daughter, pale and trembling, rushed in, crying,

"Haste, father, fly! I hear them coming down the road!"

"I am ready," said he. Then looking in his daughter's face, he added, "but I believe I may as well meet them; they will readily frighten you into telling them all, and ———,"

"Never, never, father," returned the young lady, resolutely, "I am calm now." Go! you will find the horse tied to the birch in the rear of the barn. Cross the field and you may elude them."

Whispers, "God be with you," were interchanged as the rebel left the house by the back passage, and the door was softly closed behind him. The mother and daughter were both pale with apprehension, and in spite of her utmost efforts, the latter's voice was slightly tremulous as she resumed the reading which her father's entrance had interrupted. There was a sound of horses' hoofs, and then a rap at the door. The inmates pretended not to hear, until it was repeated, when the young lady rose and opened the door, while the mother commenced sewing with a manner as unconcerned as possible. Miss K. politely returned the salutations of the two gentlemen whom she met, and being asked whether her father was at home, answered—

"He is not just now, but when he went out at dark, he mentioned that he should return early. Please walk in, and sit till he comes."

The officers glanced at each other, and then followed her into the house.

"Some gentlemen wish to see father," she observed to her mother, who looked up, bowed, and requested them to be seated.

They complied, but were evidently disconcerted by not finding the object of their pursuit within his own doors; for they had learned at the house of his patient, three miles back, that he had left there for home but a few moments before. Significant looks were exchanged between them, and they appeared to doubt very seriously, whether at that moment their prey was not secreted about the premises.

"Do you think, madam, that Dr. K. will be at home soon?" enquired one of the officers.

"I am unable to say with certainty," she replied, carelessly raising her eyes to the clock upon the mantel-piece. "Half-past nine," continued she, "he is usually at home earlier. He may have been called to a new patient. I think you will do well to wait a little longer, however."

"We are anxious to consult him professionally," rejoined the officer, half fearing that their real business was suspected.

"If it's any little matter of medicine you want, my daughter here can serve you as well as her father."

The officer was at a loss what reply to make, and the other noticing his embarrassment, came to his aid by saying with a sudden contortion of countenance, and at the same time pressing his hand to his cheek—

"I want an aching tooth extracted."

"I can extract it as well as any dentist in the township," said Miss K., rising, and before the *sufferer* could contrive any plausible means for escaping with his teeth, the instruments for extracting were produced.

His fellow, in turn, wishing to assist him out of his dilemma, said, rather confidently—

"But I wish to be bled, Miss, and I presume you are not a surgeon."

"I assure you I am perfectly competent to act in that capacity," replied the young lady without the least hesitation, and shall be happy to apply the lancet as soon as I have relieved this gentleman," and she pretended to examine whether the instruments were in good order.

The Queen's minions now made a virtue of necessity, threw off the attempted disguise, which had availed them so little, and appeared in their true character.

"We are here, madam," said the first officer, addressing Mrs. K. in a voice of stern authority, "we are here in her Majesty's name, to arrest your husband on a charge of high treason. That he is now in this house we have no doubt, and it will be wisdom in you to give him up to justice at once, otherwise a search will be instituted immediately; he can't escape us."

He has escaped you now, thought the lady, but she replied, coolly giving her word of honor, that he was not in the house. "If you desire it, I am ready to lead you through every apartment."

The indifference with which the announcement of their visit was received, convinced Victoria's functionaries that this object had been previously understood, yet they considered it hardly possible that their intended victim could have made his escape, and began a search with perfect confidence in its success. With each minute's delay the ladies had gained assurance, and now, certain that the husband and father was beyond the reach of his enemies, they cared little what course the latter might choose.

A portion of the guard which had been placed about the house for the purpose of thwarting any attempt at escape on the part of the rebel, was ordered to explore the out buildings, while the two in command, themselves searched the dwelling. The discovery of the Doctor's carriage and horse, still panting with fast driving, under a shed, which, removed from the other outhouses, was, as Miss K. had anticipated when she placed them, the last to be searched, inspired the men with fresh ardor; but they were finally obliged to declare their journey bootless, and returned as empty as they came.

Meantime, the old rebel, as he was called by the defenders of the crown, was far on his way to the States, where he was soon after joined by his family. A reward of thirty pounds was offered for him, dead or alive, but in vain. He is still free to deal out the contents of his saddle-bags for the relief of suffering humanity.

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## CASE OF JOSIAH BURRAGE KILBOURN, ESQ.

"PAINFUL RUMOR—PROBABLE SUICIDE OF A BANK DIRECTOR.

"Our community were startled yesterday by a rumor that JOSIAH B. KILBOURN, Esq., partner in the firm of French, Wells & Co., crockery ware dealers, and one of the Board of Directors of the Grocers' Bank, had committed suicide. The report spread like wild-fire, and was generally believed. We instituted diligent inquiries to ascertain whether there was any foundation for it, and were enabled to ascertain that Mr. Kilbourn had been missing from home and his place of business since Tuesday last; that his wife had received a note from him stating that before it reached her he should be over Cambridge bridge. His subsequent disappearance would seem to confirm the painful conviction that he committed self-destruction, by drowning. What motives may have induced the act we have not learned; and we do not, with our present knowledge of the sad affair, feel inclined to give publicity or credence to the various surmises put in circulation."—*Boston Herald*, Nov. 23, 1855.

"Mr. KILBOURN suffered the loss of an only child, about two years old, about two months since, and has recently suffered depression of spirits. He was at his father's house in Groton, on Tuesday last, and at the Revere House in this city early on Wednesday morning, since which time he has not been seen."—*Boston Courier*, Nov. 23.

"Mr. KILBOURN has borne the reputation of an active business man, with a character above reproach. It is stated that so far as the bank of which he is a director is concerned, there is nothing wrong.

It is conceded, however, that he has been of late largely engaged in stock speculations, and that he has used the name of the firm in his operations without the knowledge of his partners. The amount of this paper is considerable, stated as high as $80,000, there being $75,000 in the Grocers' Bank, amply protected, however, by the signature of Messrs. French, Wells & Co.

It is stated that Mr. KILBOURN, when informed of the suicide of Mr. Hooper, the Teller of the Merchants' Bank, expressed his surprise that he could resort to such a dreadful measure under any circumstances. The general opinion seems to be that he has not committed suicide.

It is thought by some that he may have taken the steamer Asia, which left this port on Wednesday for Europe."—*Boston Evening Traveller*, Nov. 23.

"THE MISSING MERCHANT.

"Various rumors are afloat in regard to Mr. KILBOURN's fate. It has been intimated that he left for Europe in the 'Asia,' which sailed from this port on Wednesday, but his nearest friends and business associates fully believe that he took the course intimated in his letter."—*Boston Journal*, Nov. 24.

"DISCOVERY OF THE BODY OF JOSIAH B. KILBOURN, THE GROCERS' BANK DIRECTOR.

"It will be recollected that Mr. JOSIAH B. KILBOURN, a partner in the firm of French, Wells & Co., and a Director of the Grocers' Bank, disappeared suddenly last November, leaving behind an intimation that he had committed suicide by jumping from Cambridge bridge. Search was made, but as no body was discovered, it was supposed that this intimation was a pretext, and that Mr. K. had made off to foreign parts. The mystery is however solved by the discovery of his body, which was yesterday found floating near Cambridge bridge. The discovery was made by a man named Wm. Gallagher, at work near the jail yard, who, assisted by several others, succeeded in getting the body from the water, and removing it to the House of Reception in North Grove street.

The senior member of the firm and others, identified the clothing worn by Mr. Kilbourn. No hat was found with the body. A watch key and a pencil were in one of the pockets, and in one of the vest pockets a small sum of money—some $2 or $3 was found. The right leg appeared to have been broken, but this is said to be not uncommon when a body has been in the water so long a time.

Coroner Jabez Pratt was called, and summoned a jury of inquest, who viewed the body, and adjourned to allow its burial.

The remains were, this morning, delivered to the friends of Kilbourn, who immediately conveyed them to Groton, to be interred in the family tomb."—*Boston Eve. Telegraph*, March 27, 1856.

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"FROM TURKS ISLAND.

"By the arrival of the brig Kate Foster, Grand Key, we learn from Capt. KILBURNE, that salt was very scarce, and that there was but one American vessel (the bark Island City) in port, which would be compelled to wait some time before receiving sufficient to complete her cargo."—*N. Y. Express*, Aug. 1853.

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"CHICAGO ARTISTS.

"We saw on Saturday a very fine bust, in plaster of Paris, of B. KILBOURN, Esq., of Milwaukee. It was taken by Mr. S. M. Brooks, of this city, and does much credit to his taste and genius. We learn that it is the intention of Mr. Brooks to reproduce it in marble. Success to all such efforts, say we."—*Chicago Press*, July, 1853.

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"WHO IS IT?

"We notice in the *Alta Californian* the arrival, under date of April 19, at San Francisco, of the American schooner *Milwaukee*, KILBOURN master, 10 days from Columbia river. Some wandering badger has remembered the City of the Lakes, and, judging from the name, our worthy Ex-Mayor also."—*Milwaukee Sentinel*, July, 1849.

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"RETURNED.

"J. S. KILBOURN, and J. Nelson Wilcox, formerly of this town, returned from California in the Empire City."—*Gt. Barrington (Mass.) Courier*, Jan. 1850.

## "THE KILBOURN HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY."

This Association was organized at the Astor House, in the city of New York, on Saturday, the 15th day of April, 1848—being the two hundred and thirteenth anniversary of the embarkation of Thomas Kilborne and family from London for New England. Dr. J. Sage Kilbourne, of New York, presided, and P. K. Kilbourne was Secretary of the meeting. Various letters were read relating to the family in England, by Lieut. Charles Lawrence Kilburn, U. S. A., a Constitution was adopted, and officers of the Society were appointed for the year ensuing. The Hon. JAMES KILBOURNE, of Worthington, Ohio, was elected *President;* Ogden Kilbourn, of Hartford Conn., *Treasurer;* P. K. Kilbourne, *Corresponding Secretary;* Austin Kilbourn, *Recording Secretary;* Henry S. Kilbourn, *Auditor;* several *Vice Presidents*, and a *Central Committee.*

The first *Annual* Meeting of the Society was held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., on Wednesday and Thursday, the 16th and 17th days of May, 1849. The President, Hon. James Kilbourne, of Ohio, on taking the Chair, made a very eloquent and feeling address. The Corresponding Secretary of the Society read an Historical Discourse relating to the name and family in Europe and America. Among those who were present and participated in the proceedings, were—Dr. Henry Kilburn, of Covington, Penn., Alphonso Kilborn, of Castleton, Vt., Truman Kilborn, Esq., of Lockport, N. Y., Jonathan Kilborn, of Middletown, Conn., David Kilborn, of Ogden, N. Y., and others.

The second Annual Meeting was held Oct. 10, 1850, at May's Hotel, Wethersfield, Conn., near the spot where our pioneer ancestors had settled two hundred and fifteen years before. Jonathan Kilborn, Esq., of Middletown, (one of the Vice Presidents of the Society,) presided. His Excellency, CHARLES KILBORN WILLIAMS, LL. D., of Vermont, was elected President of the Society, in place of the Hon. James Kilbourne, deceased.

The third Annual Meeting was held at the residence of the Corresponding Secretary, in Litchfield, Conn., on the 13th and 14th days of August, 1851—Col. John Kilborn, (one of the Vice Presidents,) in the Chair. The Annual Address was delivered by the Rev. James Kilbourn; and remarks were made by D. W. Kilbourne, Esq., of Keokuk, Iowa, Aaron Kilborn, Esq., of New Haven, Deac. J. S. Kilbourn, of Norfolk,

and others. About twenty persons bearing our family name were present. Col. JOHN KILBORN, of Leeds county, Canada West, was chosen President of the Society for the year ensuing.

The fourth Annual meeting was held at the residence of Joseph Knight Kilbourn, in Norfolk, Conn., September 1st, 1852—NORMAN KILBOURN, Esq., of Litchfield, in the Chair. The Annual Address was delivered by the celebrated Albany orator, JAMES KILBOURNE, which fully sustained his reputation as one of the most powerful and effective public speakers in the country. Toasts were given and remarks made by Lieut. Governor Hull, of Massachusetts, Putnam Kilbourn, Esq., of Litchfield, Messrs. Levi Kilborn, of Great Barrington, Mass., Wm. P. Kilbourn, Elisha Kilbourn, P. K. Kilbourne, Henry C. Kilbourn, Deac. J. S. Kilbourn, and John Kilbourn Shepard, Esq.

The fifth Annual meeting was held at the residence of Capt. Levi Kilbourn, in Great Barrington, Mass., Sept. 1853. TRUMAN KILBORN, Esq., of Lockport, N. Y., (one of the Vice Presidents of the Society,) was called to the Chair. About fifty members of the family were in attendance, and the meeting was an excellent one.

In accordance with previous announcement, the sixth Annual meeting of *The Kilbourn Historical and Genealogical Society* took place at the residence of William P. Kilbourn, opposite Coe's Hotel, in the village of Bantam Falls, Conn., on Wednesday, Sept. 6, 1854. Early on the preceding day our friends began to arrive from a distance; and long before the hour appointed for the meeting, the roads leading to the place designated were thronged with vehicles of every description. At 8 o'clock, A. M., Parmelee's four-horse omnibus commenced running from the borough of Litchfield to Bantam Falls, (five miles,) and continued to pass back and forth throughout the day—loaded to its utmost capacity.

The ample dwelling of our enterprising and hospitable kinsman was literally "thrown wide open" for the reception and entertainment of the *Kilbourn Family*. Meanwhile, in the adjacent orchard the "busy notes of preparation" were heard. A substantial staging and three long tables, had been erected beneath the genial shadows of the venerable trees. The former was handsomely carpeted and seated for the accommodation of the officers and speakers; while the latter, neatly spread, were already groaning beneath the weight of the substantials and luxuries that had been so abundantly provided for the occasion by the ladies of the family and their friends and neighbors.

Soon after 11 o'clock, the meeting was duly organized by the appointment of the following officers of the day, viz.:

TRUMAN KILBOURN, Esq., of Waterbury, *President.*

JACOB KILBOURN, of Bantam Falls,
IRA KILBOURN, M. D., of Oswego, N. Y.,
WILLIAM STODDARD, of Litchfield,
AARON KILBORN, of New Haven,
ASA KILBORN, of Oneida Co., N. Y.
KASSON GOODWIN, of South Farms,
HARVEY KILBOURN, of Delaware, C. W.
} *Vice Presidents.*

PAYNE KENYON KILBOURNE, of Litchfield, *Secretary.*

The services were commenced by reading select portions of Scripture, and Prayer, by the Rev. James Kilbourn, A. M., pastor of the Congregational Church in Middle Haddam.

An Ode, composed for the occasion by P. K. Kilbourne, was then sung by the choir under the direction of Lewis Sherwood Kilbourn, accompanied with music on the melodion, by Frederick S. Stoddard.

An excellent, eloquent, and most cordial address was now delivered by the Rev. J. Kilbourn, which occupied some twenty minutes in its delivery, and was listened to with deep interest. As no notes were taken of it, the Secretary will not mar the pleasant impression that it left upon the minds of all who heard it, by attempting to report it from memory.

An Address from the President of the Society, the Hon. Byron Kilbourn, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was then read.

After the singing of a select piece by the choir, the President of the day announced a recess for dinner. This part of the entertainment challenged the surprise and admiration of all present. That the most ample preparations had been made by the committee of arrangements, was now more than apparent. Nearly five hundred persons partook of the collation, which was served up with hot coffee and tea of most excellent quality and in profuse abundance. Meats, bread, biscuit, pies, cakes, pickles, vegetables and fruits rapidly disappeared, and were as suddenly replaced as if from an inexhaustible store-house of good things. Meanwhile, the hum of happy voices and the light of pleasant smiles gave a zest to the festival; and all seemed, for the time, to feel that they were indeed gathered around the family table of the Patriarch of the name and race.

In the afternoon, remarks were made by Messrs. Aaron Kilborn, Henry Ward, editor of the Litchfield Republican, George F. Wright, artist, of Hartford, P. K. Kilbourn, Dr. Ira Kilbourn, P. V. Kilborne, Dwight C. Kilbourn and others.

The Rev. James Kilbourn, Aaron Kilborn, Esq., and Dr. J. Sage Kilbourne, were appointed a Finance and Publishing Committee.

Letters were read from gentlemen unable to attend.

A unanimous vote of thanks to our friends in Bantam Falls, for their kindness and hospitality, was passed.

James Kilbourne, Esq., of Albany, N. Y., and Col. John M. Kilbourn, of Potter county, Penn., were appointed Orators for the next annual meeting.

The exercises of the day were closed by singing a hymn composed for the occasion, by H. Ward.

Putnam Kilbourn, Esq., of Litchfield, was Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

An estimate as to the number of individuals in attendance upon the meeting has already been given. In this connection it will not be out of place to remark, that on the announcement of a recess for dinner, (soon after 1 o'clock,) tellers were appointed, who reported that there were four hundred and seventy-five persons on the ground. As frequent arrivals took place during the afternoon, it is certain that considerable over five hundred persons participated in the services and festivities of the day. Very few invitations having been given out except to members of the family, it is calculated that at least four hundred descendants of the pioneer, Thomas Kilbourn, of Wethersfield, were present. These descendants, aside from the Kilbourns, bore the following names, among others, viz., Ames, Baldwin, Birge, Bissell, Beach, Booth, Brainerd, Bunnell, Coe, Curtis, Cowles, Fisher, Fish, Frisbie, Goodwin, Hosford, Hoskins, Hotchkiss, Johnson, Kelsey, Kent, Munson, Munger, Merriman, Marsh, Osborn, Palmer, Pratt, Plumb, Parmelee, Russell, Ravenscroft, Stone, Smith, Spaulding, Stoddard, Sanford, Sharp, Trowbridge, Turrell, Wallace, Wright, Westover, Whiting, Wilmot, Ward, Williams, Wheeler.

The following towns in Connecticut were represented, viz. :—Litchfield, Bethlem, Cornwall, Goshen, Colebrook, Washington, Warren, Winchester, Norfolk, Waterbury, New Haven, Wethersfield, Cheshire and Simsbury.

There were present, belonging to the Kilbourn Family, natives of the following States and countries, viz.: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Canada East and Canada West.

In the *evening*, about seventy of the *young* Kilbourns, and their friends, under the auspices of Dwight C. Kilbourn, (son of our worthy and liberal minded host,) kept up the "celebration" with festivities, songs and illuminations, and the surrounding hills were vocal with the jocund laugh and the reverberating music of the happy company.

The "*Litchfield Republican*," in concluding an account of the Festival, remarked :—"A happier, more united, and more interesting meeting, never before took place in this portion of our good old State. The only regret we have is, that *all*, far and near, whether kinsmen or not, could

not share with us in our never-to-be-forgotten enjoyments." The editor *might* have added, that no such "gathering of the clan" *ever* took place before, either in Europe or America, and it is probable such an one will never again occur.

The seventh Annual meeting of the "Kilbourn Historical and Genealogical Society" was held at Gilbert's Hotel, in New Haven, on the 6th day of Sept., 1855. J. Sage Kilbourne, M. D., of New York city, presided. The Corresponding Secretary made a Report of his recent genealogical visit to England; remarks were made by the Rev. Mr. Eddy, of Cazenovia, N. Y., T. C. Kilborn, of Mott Haven, N. Y., Aaron Kilborn, Esq., of New Haven, John A. Kilburn, Esq., of East Haddam, and others. P. V. Kilborne, of New Haven, was added to the Finance and Publishing Committee. The following officers of the Society for the year ensuing, were then appointed viz.:—

PRESIDENT,

Hon. BYRON KILBOURN, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

VICE PRESIDENTS,

Hon. John Kilborn, Brockville, C. W.,
Hon. D. W. Kilbourne, Keokuk, Iowa,
Hon. Henry Kilbourn, Hartford, Conn.,
Truman Kilborn, Esq., Lockport, N. Y.,
William J. Kilburn, Esq., Augusta, Maine,
Jacob Kilbourn, Esq., Litchfield, Conn.,
Elijah C. Kilburn, Esq., Fall River, Mass.,
Col. Timothy E. Kilbourn, Hudson, Ohio,
Ira Kilbourn, M. D., Oswego, N. Y.,
Capt. Charles Lawrence Kilburn, U. S. A.,
J. Sage Kilbourne, M. D., New York city,
Rev. James Kilbourn, Middle Haddam, Conn.,
James G. Kilbourn, Esq., Jackson, La.,
S. S. Kilburn, Jr., Esq., Boston, Mass.,
Thomas D. Kilburn, Esq., Orange, N. J.,
Charles Kilbourn, Esq., Marquette County, Wisconsin,
Aaron Kilborn, Esq., New Haven, Conn.,
Elijah C. Kilbourn, P. M., Pleasant P. O., Claiborne Co., Tenn.,
Hon. Jonathan Kilbourn, Danville, Vermillion Co., Ill.,
Col. Alexander Kilborn, Stanstead, C. E.,
Isaac Kilburn, Esq., Kingsclear, New Brunswick,
Hon. Wm. K. Kilborn, Winchester, Douglass Co., Oregon,
Wells Kilburn, Esq., Nappa City, California.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,

Payne Kenyon Kilbourne, Litchfield, Conn.

RECORDING SECRETARY,

AUSTIN KILBOURN, Esq., Hartford, Conn.

TREASURER,

AARON KILBORN, Esq., New Haven, Conn.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE,

P. K. KILBOURNE, LEWIS S. KILBOURN, Litchfield, Conn.
REV. JAMES KILBOURN, Middle Haddam, Conn.,
HENRY KILBOURN, P. M., Newington, Conn.

HONORARY VICE PRESIDENTS,

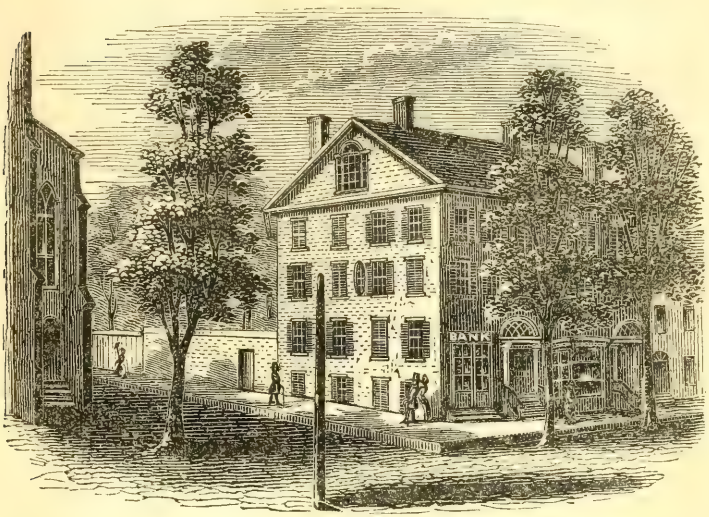
WILLIAM KILBURN, Esq., London, England,
GOODWIN KILBURNE, Hawkhurst, England,
Lord KELBURNE, of Renfrew and Ayrshire, Scotland,
WILLIAM DUNBAR KILBURN, Calcutta, East Indies,
RODERICK KILBORN, Melbourne, Australia,
Hon. GREENE C. BRONSON, New York city,
Hon. E. D. CULVER, New York city,
Hon. HOVEY KILBURN CLARK, Detroit, Michigan,
Prof. BENJAMIN SILLIMAN, LL. D., of Yale College.
JOSIAH CURTIS, M. D., Boston, Mass.,
Hon. GEORGE HULL, Sandisfield, Mass.,
Hon. JOHN C. KNOX, Pennsylvania,
WILLIAM CHURCHILL, Esq., Rochester, N. Y.,
Hon. ALEXANDER W. BUEL, Detroit, Michigan,
GURDON W. RUSSELL, M. D., Hartford.

## LITCHFIELD VIGILANT SOCIETY.

[During the years 1828 and 1829, when organized bands of robbers and incendiaries from Canada and elsewhere were committing their depredations in various parts of New England, "Vigilant Societies" were formed in many of the towns, for the purpose of aiding the authorities in bringing the offenders to justice. A large and respectable meeting of the citizens of Litchfield was held at the house of Henry Wadsworth, in that town, Dec. 12, 1828, on which occasion the "Litchfield Vigilant Society" was duly organized. Of this meeting, JACOB KILBOURN was Chairman, and Enos Stoddard Secretary.]

PRESIDENTS OF THE SOCIETY.

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| STEPHEN RUSSELL, 1828–1832. | ENOS STODDARD, 1833. |
| TRUMAN KILBOURN, 1834–'36. | NORMAN KILBOURN, 1837–'8 |
| LUMAN BISHOP, 1840–'42. | PUTNAM KILBOURN, 1839–43 |
| MURRAY KENNEY, 1844–'47. | DANIEL B. STODDARD, 1848. |
| PRENTICE PARKHURST, 1849. | WILLIS STONE, 1850. |
| GEORGE KENNEY, 1851–'53. | WM. P. KILBOUBN, 1853–'55. |




RESIDENCE OF OGDEN KILBOURN, ESQ., HARTFORD, CONN.

This building stands on the N. W. corner of Main and Church streets, on the spot formerly occupied by Christ Church, a wooden edifice which was torn down about twenty-five years since. The lot was purchased by Oliver Dudley Cooke, Esq., for the sum of $5000, Feb. 19, 1830. The Wardens and Vestrymen of Christ Church, having purchased the lot on the opposite corner, authorized the Rev. Dr. Wheaton to visit London, select a model, and employ a suitable person to superintend the erection of a new stone Church. Dr. W. returned with Mr. Chamberlain, a celebrated builder. As soon as the Church was completed, Mr. Cooke contracted with Mr. Chamberlain to erect a brick block on his lot to consist of two dwellings and two stores. On the decease of Mr. Cooke, the building was purchased by Col. Julius Catlin, late Commissary General of the State, who subsequently sold it to Messrs. R. C. & A. L. Smith. Of these gentlemen, Mr. Kilbourn purchased the premises about fifteen years since, and still continues to reside there. The northern tenement in the block, which has usually been rented, was for some years the residence of the Hon. Royal R. Hinman, late Secretary of State. One of the stores is occupied as the banking house of the "Hartford County Bank." Present estimated value of the property, $30,000.

## THE WEST CHURCH.

"LITCHFIELD, Oct. 30, 1797.

"We, the subscribers, having at our own expense erected a new Church in the western part of Litchfield, and being desirous of forming ourselves into an Episcopal Society, hereby lay before, request and petition of the meeting of the First Episcopal Society in said Litchfield, to give their consent to this request, and in future exempt us from paying taxes to the First Episcopal Society, on condition of our organizing and taxing ourselves; all of which we submit to said meeting in brotherly love."

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| JACOB KILBORN, | ISAAC KILBORN, |
| JEREMIAH KILBORN, | DAVID KILBORN, |
| JESSE KILBORN, | SOLOMON KILBORN, |
| JOHN KILBORN, | CHAUNCEY KILBORN, |
| LEVI KILBORN, | JAMES KILBORN, |
| SOLOMON KILBORN. | ORANGE KILBORN, |
| | and 43 others. |

"A true copy of Record, SETH LANDON, Clerk First Episcopal Society.

"The above Petition was granted Nov. 6th, 1797.

JAMES KILBORN, Clerk 2d Episcopal Society."

My young friend, *Dwight C. Kilbourn*, of Litchfield, has placed in my hands the original records of the 2d Episcopal Society, together with many documents and papers relating to the erection of the "Old West Church." The contract is dated April 2d, 1796—Giles and James Kilborn being the contractors. The edifice is to be built "on the hill near Mr. John Kilborn's," "on the model or plan which is drawn by Mr. Giles Kilborn and lodged in the hands of Mr. David Butler."* The first subscription of Giles Kilborn towards erecting the Church was £40.

[EXTRACTS FROM SOCIETY'S RECORDS.]

*April*, 12, 1798.—"*Voted*, To choose the Gentlemen for Reading the Service, by ballot. David Kilborn, John Landon and Calvin Comstock were chosen for that purpose.

"*Voted*, That Comfort Bradley, Mideon Griswold, Charles Smith and James Kilborn be chosen to read the Sermons in said Society for the year ensuing.

*Nov.* 30, 1798.—"David Kilborn, Heber Stone and Jeremiah Kilborn were appointed a Committee to confer with the Committee chosen by the First Episcopal Society, on the subject of uniting the two Societies under one clergyman.

During the year 1799, the two Societies were united in one Society—the agreement being, that the clergyman should give two-fifths of his services to the West Church.

* The Rev. David Butler, D. D., afterwards Rector of Trinity Church, Troy, N. Y., and father of the Rev. C. M. Butler, D. D., Chaplain to the U. S. Senate in 1853.

## THE KILBURNS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The family noted in the following communication, is the only one on this continent, of which I have any knowledge, whose genealogy cannot be traced to Thomas Kilborne. A close investigation would very possibly show that Isaac Kilburn, Sen., instead of being "an Englishman," belonged to some loyal American family, and descended from Thomas, above named.

KINGSCLEAR, (Province of New Brunswick,) June 21, 1846.

P. K. KILBOURNE, Esq.: Dear Sir—Mr. L. Hustis, of this place has put a letter into my hands addressed to him by you, and at his request I proceed to answer it. But first let me express my gratification that a person bearing my name has been found in other climes, and may I not presume to claim him as a *relative*, even though our kinship may not be traced?

I have often lamented that I knew so little respecting my ancestors. My grandfather was Isaac Kilburn; he was a soldier in the British Army, and was killed in the service at Texes, 76 or 77 years ago. Those who belonged to the same regiment with him, say that he was an Englishman, and an officer belonging to the magazine; he was killed by an accidental discharge of the same at Texes, leaving one child about 15 months old. His wife was a Dutch woman. In consequence of her sudden bereavement she became deranged—but, with her child, followed the regiment to which she belonged, until she reached St. John's, in Nova Scotia, where she lived for some time. The child soon went to live with a very poor family named Prosser, where he had to endure many privations, and with whom he remained until he became of age. His name was Francis Kilburn. He had 11 children, all of whom are living. His sons are—

1. Robert, 42 years old; married Sarah Esty, and has six children; all residents of Kingsclear, York county, N. B.

2. Isaac, (the writer of this,) 35 years old; married Sarah F. Snyder, and has four children; residence as above.

3. William, 32 years old; married Jane Wagaman, and has three children; resides in Carlton county.

4. Benjamin, aged 28; married Jane Esty, and has one child; resides in York county.

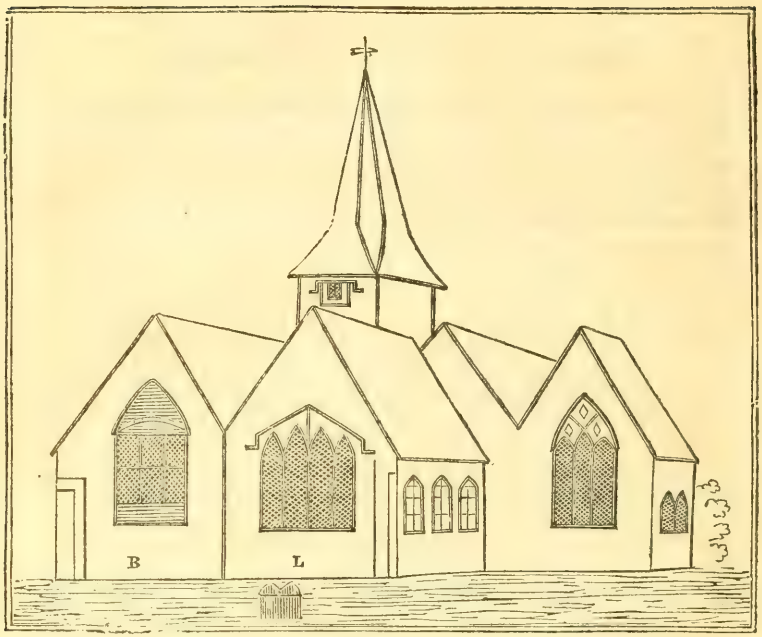
5. Francis, 24 years old; married Sarah McKeen; resides in Carlton county.

6. John, unmarried; resides on the homestead.

My father, Francis Kilburn, was a most exemplary and pious man, and died a few years since, sincerely lamented by all who knew him.

I have thus given you a brief sketch of all the Kilburns in this Province, so far as we know. Indeed, we had never heard of the name out of our own family, until your communication was received. I can hardly conceive your object in collecting this information; yet I shall be glad to obtain a copy of the work. Your humble servant,

ISAAC KILBURN.




CODEHAM CHURCH.

Erected during the time of William the Conqueror, A. D. 1066. Annexed to the

PRIORY OF KILBOURN, A. D. 1371.

STANDING IN 1804. KENT CO., ENGLAND.

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[FROM THE LONDON GENTLEMEN'S MAGAZINE.]

## DOMESDAY BOOK.

*Codeham Church*, A. D. 1066.—Given by William the Conqueror to Odo, Bishop of Bateau, of whom it was held by Gilbert Maminot.

20 William I.—Gilbert Maminot held it as two knight's fees,* parcel of the barony of Maminot, and held of the King in capite,† by barony.

1192. 3 Richard I.—Came to Geoffry de Say, by marriage.

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* Knight's fees. Divisions of land by William the Conqueror—each fee being what would maintain one knight. By statute of Edward II., persons having an income of £20 a year were obliged to take this order of knighthood.

† "In capite." Tenure, in capite, was a holding of the title or dignity directly from the King, without subordination in tenure to any other lord.

In the manuscript, Gilbert Maminot, a Norman, one of the Conqueror's assistants, received a barony of him 'in capite,' of which barony this Kilbourn and Codeham property was accounted of the value of two knight's fees.

40th year of Edward III.—Royal License upon the appropriation of the church of Codeham to Thomas de Walton, clerk, and William Topcliff, that they may be authorized to give to the prioress and convent of KILBORNE, one acre of land with its appurtenances in Codeham, together with the advowson of the church in that town, which they hold, as it is said of us, 'in capite.'

A. D. 1371, June 20.—The Bishop of Rochester appropriated this Church to the Priory of KILBOURN, a competent portion to the Vicar, and also to the Bishop, and to the Church and Archbishop of Rochester, due and accustomed rights, &c.

Confirmed on the 27th of the same month, saving the monastery's right to 221 acres in Apulderfield; which 10*s.* continued to be paid by the Prioress of KILBOURN to the Bishop of Rochester.

1377. 50 Edward III.—License to grant to the Prioress of KILBOURN one acre of land with the advowson, said to be held of the King, in capite.

Richard II.—To Sir W. Heron by marriage, with a tenement called North Barden.

From [or concerning] the Prioress and Convent of KILBOURNE the Church of Codeham, diocese of Rochester, for their maintenance [of the allotted ceremony] on the feast of St. Michael aforesaid, 10s. Folio 136.

Appropriation of the Codam ch., folio 138, to the nuns or monastics of KILBOURNE, 1404 6 Henry IV.—Allotted to Roger de Fines, by marriage.

In the Codeham Church is a memorial of the burial of Walleys about 150 years since, [A. D. 1500].—KILBURNE's Kent, 165.

27th Henry VIII.—Came to the crown at the suppression of KILBOURN; and soon after the advowson was granted to George Brooke, Lord Cobham, to hold from the King in capite by the 40th part of one knight's fee.

Edward VI.—July 20, advowson of the vicarage granted to Sir Anthony St. Leger. Roger Revel held II. Elizabeth: Gregory Fynes 13 Elizabeth.

1671. 13 Elizabeth—Came to Sampson Leonard by marriage.

James I.—Again vested in the Crown.

1707. Came to Thomas Streatsfield, in which family it now remains, 1804.

## PATENTS GRANTED BY U. S. GOVERNMENT.

1800.—To *Jonathan Kilborn*, Colchester, Conn., for Grinding Bark.
1803.—To *Lemuel J. Kilborn*, New York, for Distilling Alcohol.
1809.—To *Lemuel J. Kilborn*, Pennsylvania, for Striking part to Clocks.
1809.—To *Lemuel J. Kilborn*, Pennsylvania, Castings for clock wheels.
1808.—To *Robert Kilborn*, Great Barrington, Mass., for Axletrees, diminishing friction.
1829.—To *Samuel Kilburn*, Sterling, Mass., for Portable Trip Hammer.
1831.—To *Samuel Kilburn*, Sterling, Mass., for Communicating motion.
1838.—To *George Kilborn*, Walpole, N. H., for Door Drops.
1842.—To *Wells Kilburn*, Lawrenceville, Penn., for Corn Planter.
1845.—To *Wells Kilburn*, Lawrenceville, Penn., for Grain Drill.
1852.—To *Francis Kilburn*, Lancaster, Penn., for Designs.

## "DAVID KILBOURN.*

23d Cong. 1st Session.] [House, Reps. U. S.

"January 14, 1834.

"Mr. Thomson, of Ohio, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

"The Committee of Military Affairs to whom was referred the Petition of *David Kilbourn*, report:

"That on a careful examination of all the papers pertaining to this case, they find that on the 25th day of January, 1830, the Petition of David Kilbourn was referred to the Committee on Claims; that on the 8th day of February, following, the Committee was discharged from the further consideration of the claim, and it was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; that on the 12th of the same month, a Bill was reported in favor of the Petitioner, but did not pass at that session.

"That on the 12th of December, 1831, the subject was again referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and that Committee reported a Bill for the partial relief of the Petitioner, on the 27th of the same month, which passed soon after, and only gave to the Petitioner *one thousand dollars* as a consideration for his personal services and suffering, but made no allowance for the losses and damages he sustained in the destruction and confiscation of his property—and that only for the want of proof of a strictly legal character, as to the amount, value and confiscation thereof, as will appear by reference to the Report of the Committee on Military Affairs made at that time, which Report your Committee now request may be taken and considered as a part of their Report, and which is as follows:—

Feb. 22, 1830.—"Mr. Dayton, from Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the case of DAVID KILBOURN, made the following Report: That the petitioner sets forth that he is a native of the United States, within which he remained until after the termination of the revolutionary war, when he removed into Upper Canada; that although residing in that Province, his attachment to his country was undiminished, and he was always desirous of promoting its interests; that in the year 1813, at the solicitation and by authority of General Wilkinson, then commanding officer of the American Army upon the northern frontier, he engaged to examine, secretly, the British posts in Canada, to procure accurate information of their numbers and position, and to communicate the result to the American commander; that he executed this commission to the entire satisfaction of General Wilkinson, by whose agent he was promised ample compensation for his services and indemnity against any loss which he might suffer for having undertaken them; that the enemy, having been informed of the petitioner's employment and acts, apprehended him, confined him in prison, treated him harshly, and proposed putting him to death, when he made his escape; that he was again arrested, again subjected to similar treatment and again threatened with death, which would inevitably have been his portion, had he not a second time effected his escape; that after his escape, he repaired to General Wilkinson's camp at the French Mills, who renewed to him his former promises, furnished him with money to defray his expenses to Sackett's Harbor, and recommended him to the Quartermaster at that port, who employed the petitioner in his office; that from ill health he was com-

* A native of Litchfield, Conn. See pages 169 and 170.

pelled to relinquish this situation, since which time he has resided in the State of New York, where he is now living under the complicated burthens of old age, infirmity and indigence, and that since the compulsory abandonment of Canada, his property there, which he valued at $10,000, had been confiscated, and its proceeds paid into the provincial treasury. Under these circumstances, he prays that he may be compensated for his services, and indemnified for the loss of his property.

"That such services as were performed by the petitioner would, if discovered, expose him to the penalty of death, no other testimony is requisite to establish, than the universal and well known practice of nations in similar cases; that he *did* perform these services faithfully, and that they were highly useful and important, is proved most fully and satisfactorily; and that justice and policy would dictate that he should be liberally remunerated for them is unquestionable. It must be recollected that the petitioner was not a traitor to his country when he penetrated into the British encampment, but an American citizen. Had he been a traitor, whatever odium might have been a attached to his conduct, our Government would have been bound to reward his treason. The Committee feel no hesitation in awarding to him what they consider to be a compensation for his services and the personal perils to which they exposed him, and for that purpose they report a Bill. They entertain as little doubt as to the justice and policy of indemnifying the petitioner for any property which he lost by the execution of his dangerous commission; but as the testimony submitted to them is defective, as to the value of the property which he alledges to have been confiscated, they recommend that no further allowance be made to him, until he produces stronger evidence to substantiate these facts than the Committee have been furnished with."—*Vol.* 2, *Doc.* 189, *Reports of Congressional Committees.*

CERTIFICATE OF MAJ. GENERAL JACOB BROWN.

"I knew *David Kilbourn* well, as a settler in Upper Canada, before the last war. He had a fine farm, situated on the banks of the St. Lawrence about eight miles above Ogdensburgh. He always bore a good character, and was considered as a substantial and industrious farmer.

"During tbe war he was, to my knowledge, employed on secret service to discover the force of the British at Montreal, and at other places on the St. Lawrence. In this business he was very faithful and active, and while living in Canada, as a man of character, he was able to collect much valuable information.

"On the expedition down the St. Lawrence in November, 1813, just before we passed Prescott, Kilbourn came to me and gave me a minute statement of the force and position of the British at Montreal, and at other ports, which, as I had afterwards means of ascertaining, was remarkably faithful and correct.

"I know of Kilbourn's detection, by the British Government, and of the total ruin which followed this discovery of the services he had rendered to the American army. JAC. BROWN."

Head Quarters, Washington,
Jan. 27, 1827.

AFFIDAVIT OF GEN. J. G. SWIFT.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

"*Joseph G. Swift*, of the city of New York, being duly sworn, saith, That in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen,

he was attached to the army of the United States under the command of General Wilkinson, in capacity of Chief Engineer, and was then and there directed by the said General Wilkinson to perform a secret expedition into the Province of Upper Canada, for the purpose of ascertaining the strength of the different posts of the enemy, and to procure some suitable person, in whom confidence could be placed, to aid in said expedition. That *David Kilbourn* was employed by deponent, in pursuance of the order of said General. That said Kilbourn did undertake said expedition, and performed the services required—and did make returns thereof to deponent, and to the satisfaction of General Wilkinson. That in the engagement between deponent and said Kilbourn, deponent informed said Kilbourn that if he should receive any damage in the performance of said expedition, the United States would doubtless remunerate him for his losses. What damage said Kilbourn did sustain deponent does not know, but understood said Kilbourn lost property to some amount by confiscation, and was under the necessity of flying for refuge to the United States. And further the deponent saith not.

J. G. SWIFT.

In testimony of the foregoing declaration, signed and sworn to, in my presence, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my official seal, in the city of New York, this eleventh day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven.

E. FISHER, *Notary Public.*

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE. } ss.

I, *Arnold Smith*, of said County, do solemnly swear, that during the late war of the United States against Great Britain, I was requested by Gen. Swift to employ a person in whom I could confide as a friend to the United States, to perform an expedition through the Canadas. I did so by employing *David Kilbourn*, who executed his commission to the satisfaction of Gen. Wilkinson, the commanding officer of the United States Army, on the frontier, for whom it was intended; that a promise was made that whosoever would run the hazard, should be protected and indemnified, should he sustain loss; that this promise was made by General Swift to me; that I delivered the commission to one William Wiley, as received from said Swift, who crossed the St. Lawrence for David Kilbourn; that he delivered the same to him; that a discovery of the expedition was made to the British Government, and David Kilbourn taken, suffered a course of imprisonment, and effected his escape; that his property was confiscated in Canada, to the amount of which to me is unknown, and actually sold for the benefit of that Government—and all this in consequence of performing that service; that your deponent is intimately acquainted with David Kilbourn and these circumstances.

ARNOLD SMITH.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 9th day of July, 1827.

SYLVESTER BUTRICK, *J. P.*

## NOTES AND QUERIES.

☞ Timothy Goslee and *Rhoda Kilborn* were married in Glastenbury, Jan. 9, 1766, and had six children, viz., Timothy, James, Thomas, Penelope, Rhoda and Polly. Qr. Whose daughter was this Rhoda Kilborn?

☞ W. S. Porter, Esq., (now of New Haven,) states that one *Joseph Kilborn* removed from Farmington to Wethersfield in 1772. Whose son was he?

☞ The "American State Papers," (Vol. II, p. 790,) contains a "List of American seamen released from his British Majesty's ships of war at Jamaica, since the 16th of April, 1777." In the List occurs the name of *Stanton Kilborn.* I have found nothing further concerning him.

☞ *Henry Kilburn* was impressed as a seaman in the British ship Imogene, Dec. 19, 1804.—*Am. State Papers*, Vol. II, p. 143, "Foreign Relations."

☞ *John Kelborn* was commissioned as a midshipman in the U. S. Navy, June 18, 1812. His name also occurs in the Navy List of Feb. 21, 1814. To what Branch of our family did he belong?

☞ *Isaac Kilburn*, of Sterling, Mass., was slain in the action at Lake George, Sept. 8, 1755.—*See* "*Hist. of Sterling.*"

☞ At the October Session of the Connecticut Legislature, 1752, *Jonathan Kilborn*, Esq., of Colchester, and Capt. *Joseph Kilborn*, of Litchfield, were both Representatives. At the sessions in May and September, 1767, *Jonathan Kilborn* of Colchester, and *Abraham Kilborn*, of Glastenbury, were members of the House.

☞ In the "*Am. State Papers*" (Vol. II, p. 735—"Public Lands") may be found the Report of the Commissioners on the Boundary Line between the Public Lands and the Great Virginia Reservation, the Commissioners on the part of the United States were, Hon. JAMES KILBOURNE, Samuel Herrick and William Ludlow.

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☞ Hon. BYRON KILBOURN, of Milwaukee, was elected President of the "Milwaukee and La Crosse Railroad Company," at the annual meeting of the Directors in March, 1856. This Company was incorporated in April, 1852, with a capital of $4,000,000. The entire length of the route, from Milwaukee, on Lake Michigan, to La Crosse, on the Mississippi, is one hundred and ninety-six miles—of which about seventy-five miles of the road are completed.

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☞ Mr. WILLIAM KILBURN, of London, late Governor of the Incorporated Society of Licensed Victuallers, has been a member of that Association for thirty-four years. There are about 3000 paying members; over 100 children are constantly being clothed, maintained and ed-

ucated by the Society; and about $30,000 per annum are paid in weekly allowances to the sick, disabled or poor. The name of Mrs. KILBURN is conspicuously inscribed on a panel in the School-house in Kensington Lane, as a liberal benefactor of the Institution.

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☞ At the May session of the Connecticut Legislature, 1732, JOSIAH KILBORN, and others, "inhabitants of Farmington, annexed to the Parish of Newington," preferred their Petition, showing the difficulty of their going to "Public Worship for the want of convenient Highways," and praying the Assembly for relief. The Assembly accordingly appointed Capt. Jabez Hyde, Capt. Sampson Howe and Mr. Philip Eastman, a Committee to repair to Newington, examine into the facts, and report.

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☞ At the October session of the General Assembly of Connecticut, 1750, ELEAZER KILBORN presented a Memorial, asking the interference of the Assembly in a controversy between him and Josiah Griswold, in regard to the ownership of "*a certain negro, named Zacheus*, claimed both by the said Kilborn and by the said Griswold." Col. Joseph Pitkin, of Hartford, Mr. William Wolcott, and Mr. Matthew Rockwell, of Windsor, were appointed a Committee or referees to hear the parties and make return to the County Court in the County of Hartford, on the second Tuesday of April next.

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☞ At the May Session of the General Assembly of Connnecticut, 1769, HEZEKIAH KILBORN, ELIJAH KILBORN, and others, presented their Memorial, dated at Colchester, March 23d, 1769, in which they state that they have for several years belonged to a class of dissenters known by the name of "*Separatists*," and have maintained the preaching and ordinances of the Gospel among themselves, at their own expense, and are still compelled to contribute to the support of the Established Ministry in addition to the support of their own minister. They ask to be released from paying taxes for building meeting-houses and for the support of the established religion, "that they may have wherewith to maintain a ministry agreeable to their own religious sentiments." Five years after (viz., in May, 1774,) the prayer of the Memorialists was granted by both Houses.

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☞ In a volume entitled "New Hampshire Churches," by Rev. Robert F. Lawrence, of Claremont, N. H., (p. 300,) alluding to Walpole, the author says—"Settlement began in 1749—Rev. JOHN KILBURN was minister in 1749; but little is known of him." Is not this an error?

John Kilburn, *the old Indian fighter*, was the first settler of Walpole in 1749; but I am not aware that he was ever a minister.

☞ My neighbor, Dr. E. W. Blake, of Litchfield, Conn., informs me that he has often visited the precise spot where *Kilburn's Garrison* stood, in Walpole, N. H., and where he had his most celebrated fight with the Indians. He says the old musket used by Kilburn on that memorable occasion, was owned by a resident of Walpole, a few years since, and probably may still be found. I have desired him to make the necessary inquiries, and if possible, secure the interesting relic for me.

☞ On the 4th of July, 1849, our National Anniversary was celebrated by the citizens of Litchfield and vicinity, at Bantam Falls. TRUMAN KILBOURN, Esq., was President of the Day, assisted by nine Vice Presidents, viz., Stephen Russell, William Beebe, Jacob Kilbourn, Nathaniel Bissell, David Keeler, David Westover, Enos Stoddard, Levi Kilbourn and John Palmer. A part of the services took place in the Episcopal Church, and a part in an adjacent grove, where tables were spread for six hundred persons. The Rev. F. D. Harriman, Rector of the Church at Bantam Falls, Rev. Dr. Fuller, Rector of St. Michael's, Litchfield, Rev. Wm. B. Hoyt, of the Methodist Church, J. W. Savage, Esq., and Rev. J. L. Scott, Rector of the Episcopal Church in New Preston, made appropriate addresses. The Declaration of Independence was read by Daniel B. Stoddard, Esq.

"SAMUEL WELLES, Esq.—Died Nov. 12, 1834, Aet. 80. For twenty successive years he was one of the Selectmen of Glastenbury—Treasurer of the Town—and frequently a Representative in the Legislature of the State. He was a member of the Convention which formed the Constitution of Connecticut—and an Elector of President and Vice President of the United States. Distinguished through life as an active and enterprising citizen—extensively engaged in agricultural, commercial and manufacturing pursuits; ardently devoted to his country, and an unyielding advocate of the equal rights of man, he lived and died a sincere patriot and an honest man."*—*Epitaph in Glastenbury, Conn.*

☞ The *New York Daily Times*, of May 2, 1856, in an account of the Indian Massacres in Oregon, (dated Portland, O. T., March 27,) says —"Just below the mouth of Sandy, we met Capt. KILBORN in a batteau loaded with men and women, bringing the startling intelligence that the Cascades was attacked last night by the Klikitat Indians, and that they

* Mr. Welles was a son of Capt. Samuel and Lucy (Kilbourn) Welles, and father of the Hon. *Gideon Welles*, of Hartford. (See p. 96 of this volume.)

had surrounded the Block House, (Fort Raines.)" The letter adds—"Capt. Kilborn lives on the Oregon side of the Columbia River. He heard the report of rifles on the Washington Territory side about seven o'clock, March 26. He became alarmed and gathered the men, women and children together, placed them in a batteau and crossed over to the lower landing, took all the families there, learned from the friendly Indians that a party of Klikitats were besieging Fort Raines, and heard the reports of the howitzers, &c., convincing him that he had better hasten with all dispatch to Fort Vancouver."

*Another* truant member of our goodly household! Whence does he hail? Capt. Wm. K. Kilborn, (formerly Mayor of Oregon City,) was, when he last reported himself to the "Kilbourn Historical Society," a resident of Winchester, Douglass county, in the Umqua Valley, about 150 miles south of the Columbia River. It seems more than probable, therefore, that the gentleman referred to above, is some *other* enterprising Yankee of our name who has found a home in Oregon.

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☞ In the Kilbourn "Family Memorial," mention is made of a work in the Library of the British Museum, entitled, "A Declaration of some Proceedings of Lieut. Col. John Kilburn," printed in London in 1648. The item was communicated to me by an intelligent English gentleman; but I ascertained when in the Library referred to, that the name of the officer was John Lilburn, (not Kilburn,) a character somewhat noted in the civil wars of Cromwell's time.

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## COL. KILBOURNE AND THE DIOCESE OF OHIO.

In 1804, Col. Kilbourne, (then an Episcopal clergyman,) visited the Conventions in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania, for the purpose of interesting them in favor of a Western Diocese, although they had not the canonical number of presbyters. He then attended the General Convention for that object, and obtained a special canon. After several meetings in Worthington, (Ohio,) of delegates from the societies which he had formed, and two others formed on the eastern side of the State, by the Rev. J. Doddrige, of Virginia, a regular diocese was established. He then obtained two presbyters from Connecticut, who, with Mr. Doddridge and himself, together with the lay delegates sitting in Convention at Worthington, (the residence of Mr Kilbourne,) elected a Bishop. After he had been duly consecrated by Bishop White, and others, the new Bishop was elected Rector of the Church in Worthington. Mr. Kilbourne resigned the parish into his hands, with a formal public address, and retired from the charge.

☞ "The Capture and the Rescue," (by J. C. Smith, M. D.,) is the title of an interesting narrative published in the *New York Dispatch* in July, 1849, of the capture by the Indians of the family of JOSIAH KILBOURN, the first settler of Gilsum, N. H., and of their heroic rescue by the father, aided by his eldest son, Ebenezer. It was my intention to insert it in full in this volume, but I am compelled to omit it for want of room.

☞ In a Tale entitled "The Little Bound Girl," by Ann E. Porter, published some years since in the *Boston Evening Gazette*, one of the principal characters is "Mr. KILBORN."

☞ KATE KILBORN, OR SOWING AND REAPING," is the title of a volume of 284 pages, "by the author of Jeanie Morrison," published by Robert Carter & Brothers, New York, in 1856.

## FRANKLIN P. KILBORN,

Son of JOHN KILBORN, of Oswego N. Y., (see page 285 of this volume), was born in Clayton, Jefferson county, N. Y., Sept. 14, 1828. In early life he went to New York city, and was there employed for several years as an Accountant in a large mercantile establishment. On the 21st of July, 1851, Mr. KILBORN was married to Miss Adeline Ferris, of Buffalo, and settled in the city of Oswego, N. Y., where he still resides. He was for some time cashier in the large dry goods establishment of Messrs. Eagle & Stone, and for the last two years has been engaged as principal Accountant in the Commission House of Messrs. Forward & Smith, Main st., Oswego, N. Y. His children are—Frances, born April 22, 1852, and John, born Feb. 6, 1854.

Mr. F. P. KILBORN is the eldest and only surviving son. He had a brother Truman, who was born June 26, 1832, and died April 4, 1843. He has three sisters, viz.,—Sarah, born Nov. 14, 1834; Mary, born Dec. 7, 1836; and N. Maria, born Oct. 22, 1839—all unmarried, and residing with their parents in Oswego.

## NATHAN KILBORN,

Son of JOHN KILBORN, of Rome, Oneida county, N. Y., took up his residence in the city of Oswego several years ago, where he married and had two chlldren. Mrs. Kilborn and one of the children died about three years since. Mr. Kilborn is a Forwarding and Commission Merchant, and Insurance Agent, in East Oswego. The place and date of birth of Mr. John Kilborn's family, we have been unable to ascertain.

His other sons are—Henry and John, both residing in California, and unmarried, when last heard from. He has one daughter, Mary, who is about twenty years of age, and is now completing her education at the Female Seminary, Cazenovia, N. Y.

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MEMORIAL TO THE CONNECTICUT LEGISLATURE.

"LITCHFIELD, April, 1800.

"*To the Honorable Legislature of the State of Connecticut, to be convened at Hartford on the 2d Thursday of May,* 1800.

"The undersigned, Freeman of said State, and Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield and vicinity, beg leave respectfully to represent, that the present Law of the State regulating the Election of Representatives in Congress operates in a great degree to destroy or render useless the important right of suffrage. The Freemen cannot be acquainted with the merits of candidates for office throughout a territory so extensive and populous as the State of Connecticut. They must either act in ignorance, become the dupes of designing men, or withdraw from the meeting. Hence the universal complaint that not one-fourth part of the Freeman who vote at the Election of Town Representatives, continue in meeting to give their suffrages for Members of Congress.

The undersigned conceive that whenever the right of suffrage is allowed by Government, it ought to be so regulated that each Elector may be enabled, as nearly as possible, to exercise his own judgment and choice. This is not done by the present mode of voting through the State at large. This mode might have been convenient and well adapted at the first, when the country was in its infancy and the population small, but it is very inconvenient and ill adapted to the present state of our population, consisting of about Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand inhabitants. The evil complained of, we think, cannot be remedied except by dividing the State into Electoral Districts, which will bring the choice within the compass of each Elector's knowledge.

The undersigned therefore request the Honorable Legislature to turn their attention to the important subject, and do what in their wisdom shall appear most conducive to the welfare and happiness of the people of this State.

LEWIS KILBORN,
JOHN KILBORN,
JESSE KILBORN,
DAVID KILBORN,
JEREMIAH KILBORN,
LEVI KILBORN,
OZIAS KILBORN,
and 33 others.*

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* In 1836, (thirty-six years after the above memorial was presented,) the State was divided into Congressional Districts.

I am indebted to the Hon. Seth P. Beers, of Litchfield, for the original copy of this memorial, with the autographs attached.

## MILITARY COMMISSIONS.

[The following List of Commissions to Company Officers is compiled from the Colonial and State Records of Connecticut.]

Oct. 1749.—Jonathan Kilborn, Colchester, "Lieutenant of the South Trainband."
May, 1750.—Joseph Kilborn, Litchfield, Captain of First Company.
May, 1762.—George Kilborn, Wethersfield, Ensign of 3d Company, 6th Regiment.
May, 1769.—Benjamin Kilborn, Litchfield, Lieutenant First Company.
May, 1773.—Timothy Kilborn, Lieutenant of 10th Co., 6th Regiment.
Oct. 1778.—Jonathan Kilborn, Colchester, Captain 3d Co., 25th Regim't.
Jan. 1782.—Lemuel Kilborn, Litchfield, Ensign of 4th Co., "Alarm List."
May, 1785.—Abraham Kilborn, Glastenbury, Ensign of 3d Company, 6th Regiment.
Oct. 1789.—David Kilborn, Colchester, Captain of 3d Co., 25th Regim't.
Oct. 1789.—Samuel Kilborn, Lieutenant 9th Co., 23d Regiment.
Oct. 1795.—Lewis Kilborn, Litchfield, Captain 1st Co., 17th Regiment.
May, 1796.—Samuel Abel Kilborn, Lieutenant 3d Co., 24th Regiment.
Oct. 1798.—Jacob Kilborn, Litchfield, Lieutenant 4th Co., 6th Regiment, Cavalry.
May, 1800.—Joseph Kilborn, Glastenbury, Ensign 3d Co., 6th Regim't.
May, 1806.—Thomas Kilborn, Lieutenant of Artillery, 19th Regiment.
Oct. 1815.—Charles Kilborn, Litchfield, Cornet of 4th Co., 6th Regiment of Cavalry.
May, 1818.—Putnam Kilborn, Litchfield, Ensign 5th Co., 16th Regim't.
May, 1820.—Elisha Kilborn, Jr., Cornet 3d troop, 3d Regim't. Cavalry.
May, 1822.—Jason C. Kilborn, Colebrook, Ensign 7th Co., 21st Regim't.
May, 1835.—Hiram G. Kilborn, Litchfield, Captain 10th Co., 16th Reg.
May, 1841.—Amos B. Kilbourn, Lieutenant 3d Co., 17th Regiment.
May, 1841—George Kilbourn, Unionville, Captain 3d Rifle Co., 14th Regiment.

## "MODEL OF FITCH'S STEAMBOAT.

"The model of the first steamboat (built by John Fitch,) was discovered a few days ago, in the garret of the late residence of Col. Kilbourne, a son-in-law of John Fitch, near the town of Columbus, Ohio. It has been in the possession of Col. Kilbourne more than thirty years. It is thus described in a letter to the *Cincinnati Commercial*:—

"It is about two feet long, and set upon wheels. The boiler is about a foot long, and eight inches in diameter, with a flue through it, not quite in the centre, into which the fire appears to have been placed. The cylinder stands perpendicular, and the frame work that supports it is not unlike that now used by some of the low pressure boats on Lake Erie. There is a paddle wheel on each side, and, in fact, everything appears to be complete, with the exception of a condenser and force-pump. The boiler is even supplied with a safety valve, though part of it has been broken off."—*O'Callaghan's Doc. Hist. State of New York*, vol. iii, p. 1190.

John Fitch was one of the most remarkable men of his age. He was born in East Windsor, Conn., June 21, 1743. For a while, he was a Lieutenant in the army, was taken prisoner by the Indians, and was sold from one tribe to another through the N. W. Territory until he was purchased by an Englishman and thus obtained his freedom. During this period he became so familiar with that part of the country, that on his return to the east, he drew and published a map of it, which had an extensive sale. He was afterwards a Surveyor in Kentucky, and a Civil Engineer in Pennsylvania; but, abandoning these pursuits, he devoted his time mainly to experiments in steam navigation. As early as June, 1785, he submitted his drawings to the inspection of scientific gentlemen in Philadelphia, and in August of that year laid his models before Congress. In March, 1786, the Legislature of New Jersey granted him the exclusive right and benefits of the invention, and similar acts were passed during the winter and spring following by New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware, and by Virginia in October, 1787. Divers experiments were made by him in 1787, on the Delaware River near Philadelphia, with a steamboat built by him, which was propelled by means of oars, against the tide, at the rate of seven miles an hour. This was sixteen years before the first experiments of Fulton. He subsequently substituted paddle-wheels in the place of oars, and continued his experiments in Philadelphia and New York for several years until he became a bankrupt in property. He explained his plans and machinery to Messrs. Fulton and Livingston, who, after the death of Mr. Fitch, successfully prosecuted the business of building steamboats after his models. Mr. Fitch died in Kentucky in 1798, and at his own request, was buried on the banks of the Ohio. His only daughter married the Hon. James Kilbourne in 1789.

## BRIEF NOTES OF A VISIT TO ENGLAND.

Though I have elsewhere incidentally referred to my recent tour through the father-land, a brief narrative of the trip, so far as it relates especially to the object which I had in view, may be here introduced as a fitting close to the volume.

In company with my kinsman, Ogden Kilbourn, Esq., of Hartford, Conn., I embarked on board the Packet ship, "James Foster, Jr.," on Monday, June 4th, 1855, (as Agent of the "Kilbourn Historical and Genealogical Society,") and arrived safely at Liverpool on Wednesday afternoon, the 27th of the same month. During my stay at that place, I called on Mr. Richard Kilburn, Watchmaker, Bespham street, and obtained from

him the facts relating to his family, which I have given on page *40 of this volume. I also went to 6 Pitt street, and made particular inquiries concerning Dr. RICHARD KILBURN, and WILLIAM W. KILBURN, Druggist, both recently of Liverpool, the result of which I have given on the same page. On the Saturday following we proceeded to the city of York by railway, passing through Dewsbury and Wakefield, in both of which places we learned that our family name was somewhat numerous and highly respectable. From York we proceeded directly to Thirsk, a fine old market town on the New Castle railway, where we procured a private conveyance, and were driven over to the village of *Kilburn*, about seven miles distant from the Thirsk station. It was about 10 o'clock on Saturday evening when we reached the "*Foresters' Arms*," a quiet, antique Inn kept by Mr. George Bolton. On Sabbath morning, which dawned delightfully upon us, we took a stroll through the village and soon made ourselves familiar with its architecture and topography. The outer walls of its dwellings are of brick or stone; many of the roofs are thatched, and others are covered with slate or tiles; generally a single story in height, with small-paned windows of irregular size, and placed at irregular intervals. Though some of the modern dwellings are handsome two-story edifices, *High* and *Low Kilburn* present to the eye of an American a very quaint and venerable appearance.*

We attended the morning service at St. Marys (Episcopal) Church, and listened to an able and impressive discourse from the Curate, Rev. Mr. WELBURN, with whom I had a brief interview. We found him a stately English gentleman, with manners corresponding with his noble physical proportions. We regretted that his clerical duties called him to an adjacent parish for the afternoon service.

There are none of our name remaining in the town where it had its origin, though Mr. Ellis, the Town Clerk, informed me that he had often heard his father mention Mr. Kilburn who was the Schoolmaster of the village some sixty years ago. There are but two or three entries in the Parish Register previous to the year 1600. Mr. Welburn, in response to a request made to him by letter, had carefully examined the records previous to my arrival, but did not succeed in finding any mention of my family name.

In the course of Monday we returned to Thirsk, and took the cars for York, where we remained about twenty-four hours. Here we found many objects of interest to the antiquarian. The records in the York Will Office commence about A. D. 1380, the *first* volume of which contains a

* For a more full account of this village and town, see pages 10–12 and *57–*61, of this volume.

reference to the estate of *William Kylburn*, bearing date Oct. 26, 1394.* Subsequent to this, our name often occurs; but as the records are written in abbreviated Monkish Latin, and in German text characters, I found myself incompetent to the task of deciphering their meaning. The clerk to whom I applied, assured me that there was no one connected with the office who could "make anything out of them." I was fortunate enough, however, to make the acquaintance of WILLIAM PAVER, Esq., a learned and distinguished antiquarian of that city, who has become so familiar with ancient manuscripts, that he can readily translate *anything*. I heartily acknowledge my indebtedness to him for his invaluable favors. JOHN HOGGARD, Esq., agent of the Archbishop of York, presented me with a map of the township of Kilburn, and gave me access to various manuscripts relating to that town and parish. To Mr. MONKHOUSE, (Lithographer,) I take pleasure in expressing my obligations for a lithographic view of the "Birth place of Joseph Agar, Esq., in Kilburn."

From York we proceeded to Huntingdon. In this latter place had formerly resided a distinguished branch of the Cambridgeshire family of Kilbornes, and I made a thorough examination of the parish records. A transcript of the births, marriages and deaths, may be found on pages *34 and *35. Items gleaned from other sources, I have given elsewhere. Ex-Mayor Maule, (the occupant of "Hinchinbrook," the ancient seat of the Cromwells,) treated us with much politeness, and gave us access to valuable records in his office. The Rev. Mr. Hayworth, Rector of "All-Saints," and the Rev. John Fell, Head Master of the Grammar School, and Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, also showed us many attentions, and pointed out to us various interesting relics of *Oliver Cromwell*, with whom the Kilbornes of Huntingdon had been associated as neighbors and partisans.† The original entry of the baptism of the future "Lord Protector" is still preserved in the Church of "All-Saints," and was shown me by the Rector. The cordiality of these distinguished gentlemen seemed so unaffected and spontaneous that it could not fail to reach our hearts, strangers as we were in a strange land. Here, also, we saw the house in which the poet Cowper spent several years as the guest of Mr. Unwin. Mr. Fell gave us letters to friends of his in Cambridge, connected with the University.

Leaving the Great Northern Route, we took the Eastern Counties Railroad, and passed on through St. Ives to Cambridge. I must here acknowledge my gratitude to the celebrated Prof. Sedgwick, for facts relative to *John Kilborne*, who was a Fellow of Peter House College more

* See page 13 of this volume.

† See pp. *41–*44.

than 400 years ago. Thence, after a brief stay, we proceeded to New-Market, where we procured a donkey, dog-cart and driver, and rode over a broad and noble McAdamized road to the rural hamlet of *Wood Ditton*, in Cambridgeshire, some three or four miles distant. Much to our regret, the Rector, (with whom I had had some correspondence,) was *absent;* but finding an obliging friend in Mr. Thomas Jarvis, the Parish Clerk, we passed a most agreeable afternoon in rambling through the neighborhood, visiting the old Church in which our ancestors had worshipped, examining records, and musing upon the changes which two hundred years had wrought. With the eye of fancy averted we saw the pioneer family passing over that very highway towards the great metropolis; their thoughts alternating between the Past and the Future—between the dear and familiar scenes they were leaving behind them, and the unknown land in which they had resolved to cast their lot. Our driver assured us that Lord Raglan had often accompanied the Duke of Rutland in his shooting-excursions in the fields and woods adjacent to the village. The Duke of Rutland has a "hunting-seat" at New Market. Towards evening, we returned to the latter place, where we passed the night. New Market has long been famous for its "races," which were in full operation at the time of our visit there. The streets were thronged with "jockies" and "sporting characters" from all parts of England.*

Early on the following morning we were *en route* for London, and by two o'clock in the afternoon of the 5th of July, we had found convenient quarters at Mrs. Cocker's Commercial Boarding House in "Charterhouse Square," in the very heart of the city.

Several days were delightfully spent in visiting the principal objects of interest in and about London. During this time, we called upon Mr. William Kilburn, proprietor of the "Crown Inn," Red Cross street, by whom we were cordially received. He showed us the magnificent *Silver Pitcher* which had recently been presented to him on the occasion of his retiring from the office of Governor of the Licensed Victuallers Association, and gave us copies of the "*Morning Advertiser*," containing a detailed account of the ceremonies of presentation. He informed us that the Lord Mayor had frequently been a guest at his table.

We also left our letters of introduction at the banking house of William and Benjamin Kilburn, Esquires, 16 St. Mary Axe, and received from the former gentleman a polite invitation to dine with him on the following day, at his residence, No. 2, Holly Terrace, Highgate. We accepted the invitation, and had a most delightful *family visit.* After dinner, Mr. K. walked with us about half a mile to the residence of his

* For further reference to our visit to Wood Ditton, see pages *52 and *53.

brother, BENJAMIN KILBURN, Esq., (who had gone to the continent with his family). The mansion is situated on the highest point of Highgate Hill, in the midst of beautiful grounds, overlooking the Valley of the Thames on the east, and the great city on the south. Though they were themselves absent, we had the gratification of seeing the *portraits* of Mr. and Mrs. Kilburn, and those of other members of the family. Returning to Holly Terrace, we were shown the portraits and miniatures of several of our namesakes of past and present generations. Holly Terrace is pleasantly situated and commands an extensive and varied prospect. It is five miles from St. Paul's Cathedral, the dome of which is distinctly visible from the premises. After tea, we bade our hospitable friends a heart-felt farewell. Passing over Hampstead Heath, to an omnibus station, we reached our quarters at half-past ten o'clock in the evening.

My traveling friend having left me for a tour on the continent, I spent several days in examining the books and manuscripts in the Library of the British Museum, and the records in the "Doctor's Commons." I also made a trip to Hawkhurst, in the County of Kent, about sixty miles to the south east of London, on a visit to my intelligent friend and correspondent, Mr. GOODWIN KILBURNE, Principal of Tudor Hall. His residence is scarcely a hundred rods distant from "Fowlers," the ancient seat of the Kilburnes of Kent, (an engraving of which I have given on page 25). Dr. CURTIS, of Boston, (who spent two or three days in Hawkhurst, in 1854,) says of this mansion,—"It is and ever has been by far the best residence in the vicinity." Ascertaining that Mr. Kilburne had gone on a visit to his friends in Norfolk, I passed a few hours very pleasantly with Mrs. Kilburne, and returned to London by the evening train.

On a line of omnibuses running from the vicinity of the General Post Office, through Newgate street and Holborn, I had frequently noticed the words, "Paddington," "KILBURN-GATE," "The Royal Oak," &c. Having a desire to visit the hamlet bearing our name, in Middlesex, on a leisure afternoon I took one of these conveyances, and in a very brief period reached the place—about five miles from the Post Office. Much of the village is compactly built, and it contains some noble blocks of buildings and fine residences. I spent several hours in a most agreeable ramble through the neighborhood; visited Kilburn Vale, Kilburn Lane, Kilburn Green, and Kilburn Bridge; and drank of the far-famed waters of Kilburn Wells. I also passed an agreeable half-hour with the Rev. J. J. Bolton, minister of St. Paul's Episcopal Chapel in Kilburn, whom I found to be a true-hearted Christian gentleman, and an author of high reputation. He informed me that he had formerly been a resident of New Rochelle, N. Y., and that his father was still the Rector of a church in Westchester county, bordering upon Connecticut.

Before leaving the metropolis, I made two or three other calls upon my namesakes; and, on the 22d of July, set out for Wales. A flying visit to that interesting region, brought me to Liverpool, (via. Chester,) in time to embark on board the Cunard steamer, "Asia," which left the dock for Boston at one o'clock on Thursday the 24th. I arrived at my home in Litchfield on Wednesday, the 6th of August. The trip was a most agreeable one to me. My correspondence while abroad, with members of the family and others, was extensive. The *results* of my inquiries and researches will be found in this volume. P. K. K.

## ENGLISH CORRESPONDENCE.—ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

During the last eight or ten years I have received frequent communications from Rectors, Parish Clerks, and Antiquarians of England, and also from various namesakes residing in different parts of that country. I regret that the limits assigned to this volume will not allow me to insert the letters of some of these gentlemen *in full.*

My correspondence with *William Kilburn*, Esq., of London, commenced in 1844. Not only have I been indebted to him for repeated favors, but his promptness in responding to all my inquiries, entitles him to the sincere thanks of all our kindred.

Mr. *Goodwin Kilburne*, Principal of Tudor Hall Academy, in Hawkhurst, county of Kent, has from the first manifested much interest in our family history. The facts elicited by his intelligent researches in the counties of Kent, Middlesex and Norfolk, I have freely used in this volume. I have also received from him several beautiful drawings and paintings of objects connected with our name in England. A few years since, his son, *George Goodwin Kilburne*, (then a lad of nine years,) forwarded to the "Kilbourn Historical Society" an elegant pen-and-ink likeness of Richard Kilburne, Esq., the celebrated lawyer and historian of Kent.

In 1848, I forwarded, through the Hon. James Savage, LL.D., of Boston, a copy of the Kilbourn "Family Memorial" to the Rev. *Joseph Hunter*, one of the Record Commissioners in Rolls Court, London; and soon after received from that distinguished antiquary, a polite letter of acknowledgment, enclosing a copy of the Pedigree entered in the "Visitation of London, in 1634," with additions, preserved among the Harlian MSS. in the British Museum, (which will be found printed in the fore part of this work). I have since received other favors from Mr. Hunter.

As the Pedigree referred to in the preceding paragraph, traces the line of the Kent and Huntingdon Kilburnes from the town of Kilburn, in

Yorkshire, to Bramcote, (Nottinghamshire,) thence to Girton (Cambridgeshire,) and thence to Saffron Walden, (Essex,) I addressed letters to the Parish Clerks of each of these places.

Mr. *Alexander T. G. Mansen*, (the Clerk of Bramcote,) states in his reply, that the records of the parish commence A. D. 1562; that he has looked through them from that date to 1849, and found twenty-two entries relating to the name of Kilborne among the baptisms, births and burials; that his legal fees for the search, and for copies of the entries referred to, would be £24 8 6; but "as the particulars are apparently for family objects, and not for purposes of litigation," he will be satisfied with a fee of ten guineas. As I had not the requisite funds to spare, the entries referred to have not been obtained.

My letter to the Clerk of Girton, was handed to the Rev. *Francis Tate*, Rector of the Parish, who kindly volunteered to reply. He states that the records of Girton commence A. D. 1629; that they contain no mention of the name of Kilborne; says there is another Girton, near Newark, in Nottinghamshire, and still another in Bedfordshire. He writes in a most friendly and genial spirit, concluding as follows:—"I do not like to close this without expressing my regret that I cannot aid more actively in such a work as you are engaged in. Any one of those ancestral links that bind the old world to the new and the new to the old, is well worth the welding, and I wish you all possible success in it."

Not hearing from Saffron Walden, I wrote to the Rector of the Parish, and received a prompt and interesting reply from the Rev. *Ralph Clutton*, of that place. The facts and transcripts contained in his letter are contained on pages 28–30. He makes no mention of John Kilburne, (the grandfather of Richard Kilburne, the historian of Kent,) who appeared to have been a resident of Saffron Walden previous to 1550.

In 1844, I received from Sir *Charles George Young*, of the Herald's College, London, copies of all the records in that office relating to the name of Kilborne, which I have given in the first part of this volume.

The Rev. *E. R. Mantell*, Vicar of Louth, in Lincolnshire, has taken special pains to have the records of that town thoroughly searched for me. A copy of the entries of births, baptisms, burials, &c., furnished by him, will be found on pages *35–*38. He says—"Besides the extracts from the Register Books, I have had transcribed some from an old churchwarden account book in my possession, and also one from the Warden and Six Assistants of Louth, who were formerly, (and until eighteen years ago,) the Trustees of King Edward VI's Grammar School in this town, and also the Corporation or Magisterial governing body of the town. They exist now only as the Trustees of the School—the municipal Council, under a Reform Bill, having been transformed into a

Mayor, Aldermen and Town Council. I have from time to time made inquiries respecting the family of Kilborne around this neighborhood, to add to my stock of information for you, but without any success until this very morning, when a neighboring clergyman has written to say, that in the Will of William Foxe, of Immingham, near Great Grimsby, in this County, he mentions a daughter, *Elizabeth Kilburne*, evidently the person named in the Pedigree which you sent me."* May not the "John Kilbourne, Precentor of Lincoln Cathedral" in 1446, have belonged to this branch of the family? *He*, evidently, was of Yorkshire origin, as his Will is recorded at York.

*William Paver*, Esq., of York, has furnished me with many interesting items relating to the early Kilbornes of that County. He has collected, arranged and indexed, a larger number of Yorkshire Pedigrees than can be found elsewhere. He is a thorough antiquarian scholar and an obliging gentleman, and feels a deep interest in whatever relates to America.

Mr. *James Kilburn*, an intelligent and enterprising business man at Burton in Lonsdale, Yorkshire, is much interested in his American namesakes, and has furnished me with an account of his father's family. His father, the late Kennard Kilburn, of that place, had four sons and three daughters, viz., Mary, Rachel, Isabella, William, *James*, Benjamin, Elizabeth and John. Benjamin and John died without issue; James has quite a numerous family. Soon after my return from England, I forwarded to him a copy of the Proceedings of our family meeting at Bantam Falls, in 1854, together with some other memorials of our name. On their receipt, he writes—"I can scarcely find words to express the pleasure I experienced on receiving your highly valued letter, the pamphlet containing the account of your annual gathering, the likeness of your President, the Hon. Byron Kilbourn, &c. I am astonished to see the names of the goodly company that form the list of officers of your Society. I assure you of my regret at being so far from you. As to the name in this vicinity, myself and family stand alone; nor do I remember ever to have written to a namesake in this country. At all events, the Kilbornes of America quite outstrip those of England. The '*cold river*' has there run in a bolder stream and a broader channel."

The Rev. *Joseph Walker*, of Wood Ditton, Cambridgeshire, in addition to the interesting letter published on pages *51 and *52, obtained for me the drawing of the old church in that place, from which the engraving on page *53 was made.

* See Pedigree of the Lincolnshire family, from the Earl Marshall's Register.

With several of the gentlemen named in the preceding pages, I became acquainted while in England, and I take pleasure in expressing the uniform courtesy which I received from them.

From *H. G. Somerby*, Esq., of London, (to whom I have heretofere referred,) I have received numerous and invaluable favors. Most of the ancient Wills in the early part of this volume, were obtained by him, as were also many items relating to the Kilbornes of England.

Many friends in this country have contributed liberally to the materials which go to make up this volume. I must particularly mention Dr. *Josiah Curtis*, of Boston, the late *Nathaniel Goodwin*, Esq., of Hartford, *Sylvester Judd*, Esq., of Northampton, Mass., and *S. S. Kilburn*, Jr., Esq., the artist, of Boston.

To the Finance and Publishing Committee of the "Kilbourn Historical and Genealogical Society," (viz., *J. Sage Kilbourne*, M. D., of New York city, Rev. *James Kilbourn*, of Middle Haddam, Conn., *Aaron Kilborn*, Esq. and *Publius V. Kilborne*, of New Haven, Conn.,) the author returns his special thanks for their earnest co-operation and energetic and liberal efforts to make the Family History worthy of the patronage of those for whom it is designed.

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# ADDENDA.

## FAMILY OF EDWARD KILBOURN, ESQ.

The following family record of Edward and Caroline A. Kilbourn, of Keokuk, Iowa, (see p. 306,) came too late for insertion in its proper place, viz.:

1. LOUISA BOWLER, b. Nov. 6, 1845.
2. CHARLES FOOTE, b. Jan. 28, 1848; d. May 10, 1851.
3. HENRY WELLS, b. June 2, 1851.
4. EDWARD FOOTE, b. April 4, 1853; d. Oct. 8, 1854.
5. MARY TULLIDGE, b. Aug. 6, 1855.

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☞ In a trip through Wisconsin, in the summer of 1855, Aaron Kilborn, Esq., of New Haven, accidentally fell in with a family who claimed descent from the Kilbourns of Connecticut. Their family record was given as follows: John D. Bell m. SYBEL KILBORN, June 26, 1753, and had four children, viz. (1.) *Laurana D. Bell*, m. Shem Kentfield and had two sons, Palmer and Warren; her second husband was Ephraim Hollister, by whom she had Lois, Hiram, (now living in New Berlin, Wisconsin,) and Cyrus. (2.) *Reuben D. Bell*, m. Sally Weeks, and had four children, Alanson D., Diadema D., Reuben D., and Sally D. (3.) *Sabra D. Bell*, m. Samuel D. Smith, and had Melinda, John, Laurana, John D., Sybel K., Hannah, and Samuel. (4.) *Phylothea D. Bell*, m. Elias Smith, and had Alexander, Rodney, Frances, Prudence, Elias, Phylothea, Sidney, Clarinda and Elias, 2d. Sybel Kilborn (the wife of John D. Bell), is stated to have been born in Litchfield, Conn., Feb. 28, 1733. Whose daughter was she?

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☞ In 1802, Col. KILBOURNE *constructed the first map of Ohio*, which he compiled from maps of its different sections in the office of Col. Worthington, then Register of the U. S. Land Office at Chillicothe. The part delineating the Indian Territory, was from a map made by John Fitch, (his father-in-law,) who had been a prisoner among the Indians, which, though in a measure conjectural, was the most full and accurate that had then been made of the N. W. Territory.—*See Howe's Hist. Col. of Ohio*, p. 173.

## THE KILBOURN ESTATE.

From an early date there appears to have been a rumor or tradition in some branches of our family, of a great estate in England or Wales, said to belong to the Kilbourns of America. The following are among the different versions of the tradition:

Charles D. Bond, Esq., of Fort Wayne, Indiana, (under date of Oct. 24 1851,) states that he is a descendant of Capt. Joseph Kilborn, of Canada. In concluding his letter, he asks—"How do you succeed in establishing your heirship to the property that was left in Wales?"

Mr. George Newman, of Brattleboro', Vt. (in several letters written in 1845,) stated that his wife's grandmother, *Mary Kilborn*, of wealthy parentage, came over from England about 100 years ago; that she was married in Thompson, Conn., to Jonathan Lee, of Killingly, Conn., Oct. 27, 1763. He understood a notice had then recently been published, calling for the heirs of Mary Kilborn, &c.

Mr. Giles Kilbourn, of East Plainfield, N. Y., writes, (March 9, 1853): "John Kilborn, (a nephew of the writer,) is engaged in the flouring business in Oswego, N. Y. He sent some flour to England with his name upon the barrels. Soon after, he received a letter from England, stating that there were three brothers of the Kilbourns—two of whom emigrated to America, and the other died in England, without heirs, leaving a fortune."

Mr. Aaron Kilbourn, of Westminster, Canada West, in a letter dated May 10, 1852, (he then being 80 years of age,) says—"Circumstances have come to my knowledge through various channels, to convince me that there is an estate in *Wales* belonging to the Kilbourns of America; and our father used to say to us, that if we went after it, to spell our name with the final *e*. Do you know of any *Will*, either in Wales or England, bequeathing property to any of the Kilbourns in this country? Singular, indeed, if all that my father said and believed be a bauble. Information from other sources, and reason, forbid. * * * My brother Timothy and myself well remember to have seen a sword and a Bible that were sent by the family of Kilbourns in Wales to the family of Kilbourns in America, as a token of respect. They were for a great length of time in our family. My grandfather, whom I well remember, and who died an aged man at my father's house in Litchfield, had them in his possession."*

In the summer of 1854, Mr. Wright, a lawyer of Detroit, Michigan, in behalf of some members of our family in that vicinity, came to Connecticut to consult with me in relation to the property referred to.

* Jonathan Kilbourn (this grandfather of Mr. Aaron K.,) was born in Wethersfield, Conn., in 1703—the place where, and the year in which, John Kilborne, our pioneer ancestor, died. It would hence seem that, through this channel, a *reliable* tradition *might* have come down to us. In my researches, however, I have found no *evidence* of the existence of any property in the old country belonging to the Kilbourns of America; and how such a tradition originated, I am at a loss to conceive. In regard to the statement made by Mr. Giles Kilbourn, (as above,) this much appears to be true, viz., there were just "three brothers" in the family of Thomas Kilborne; two of whom settled in America, and the third, though he sailed for this country, doubtless returned to England, and died there.

## EXTRACTS FROM REGISTERS IN NORFOLK CO., ENGLAND.

[COMMUNICATED BY MR. GOODWIN KILBURNE, OF HAWKHURST, CO. OF KENT.

*From the Register at Stow Bapdolph.*

William, son of Isaac and Elizabeth Kilburn, baptized, - - 1760

*From the Register at Downham.*

| | | |
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| Mary, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Kilburn, | baptized, | Oct. 15, 1762 |
| Elizabeth, " " " " | " | Oct. 5, 1764 |
| Isaac, son " " " | buried, | March 4, 1766 |
| John, " " " " | baptized, | Oct. 6, 1783 |
| Isaac Kilburn, (son,) " " " | buried, | May 22, 1783 |
| John, " son " " " | buried, | March 21, 1785 |

*From the Register at Wimbotsham.*

Isaac Kilburn and Elizabeth Gill, both of this parish, were married by banns, July 8, 1759.*

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| Jacob, son of Isaac and Elizabeth Kilborne, | baptized, | Dec. 10, 1767 |
| Isaac, " " " " | " | May 5, 1773 |
| Isaac, " " " " | " | |
| Ann, daughter " " " | baptized, | June 4, 1775 |
| Ann, " " " " | buried, | Feb. 1, 1775 |
| Isaac, son, " " " | baptized, | May 4, 1777† |
| Ann, daughter, " " " | " | Nov. 7, 1779 |

## PEEKSKILL ACADEMY.

At my request, the Principal of this flourishing Institution has granted me the use of the beautiful engraving which faces page 215.

## SPELLING OF THE NAME.

When speaking of any individual member of our family, I have generally endeavored to spell the name as *he* was accustomed to spell it. For the *running head,* over the pages, it was thought advisable to preserve the same degree of *uniformity.*

☞ Mrs. SALLY D. KILBOURN, (wife of Moses Kilbourn, of Belchertown, Mass., and daughter of Samuel Dwight,) was drowned in Swift River, in that town, in 1827. The horse she rode took fright, and rushed into Swift River mill pond.—*Hon. Mark Doolittle's Hist. Sketch.*

☞ At the annual Charter Election of the city of Middletown, Conn., in April, 1856, JONATHAN KILBOURN, Esq., was elected an Alderman.

☞ A brig named the "GEORGE KILBORN" sails from Bangor, Maine.

* Grandparents of Goodwin Kilburne, the writer.

† Father of the writer.

# ERRATA.

PAGE 13.—Line 14 from top, 1482, *should be* 1382.

" 107.—Joseph Kilborn d. in 1817—*not* 1807.

" 111.—Line 3d from bottom, SAMUEL should be numbered 35.

" 161.—Deac. Joshua Kilborn d. in 1837.

" 173.—Line 10th from bottom, JONATHAN should be numbered 78.

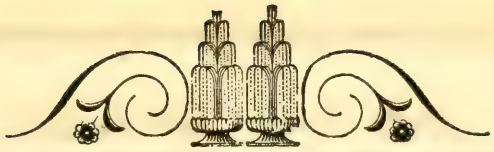
" 187.—Line 14th from bottom, Meredith, N. H., *should* read Meredith, N. Y.

" 190.—Line 2d from bottom, Elihu L. Munger, *should be Elisha S.* Munger.

" 255 and 256.—The family of COL. CHARLES should commence with *Lucy* on page 255, and *not* with *Col. Alexander*, on page 256.

" 198.—The record of the family of Mr. LEVI KILBOURN, (lines 13 and 14 from the bottom,) should read thus—"(1.) *Maria*, unmarried; resides with her mother at Bantam Falls, in Litchfield. (2.) *Marina*, m. Walter Coe, of Litchfield, and has three children, viz., Louisa Maria, m. John D. Roberts; Henry Levi, m. Cornelia Griswold; Edward, m. Louisa A. Bonney (3.) *Mary Ann*, m. Lucius Wilmot, of Bantam Falls, and had one daughter, Ellen Louisa, who died at the age of 13 years.

" 325.—In the record of the family of PUTNAM KILBOURN, Esq., of Litchfield, two or three errors occur in consequence of my not having seen the last proof. Line 8th from bottom, for Bethlem read Litchfield. The youngest daughter, Clarissa J., married Frederick B. Hand, in 1850.



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